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WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 14.

THE COMMITTEE ON RECONSTRUCTION.

It was yesterday rumored that that portion of the reconstruction resolution, which was stricken out by the Senate, would be offered to-day as an independent resolution, and its passage demanded. This proved true, the resolution being offered by Mr. WILSON, of Iowa. It excited but little opposition, and finally passed by a vote of two to one, about twenty Republicans voting against it. The action of the House is now substantially what it was before. The Reconstruction Committee, as announced on the part of the House, is composed exclusively of old members of the House, and contains as well some of the ablest, in the persons of Messrs. BOUTWELL, BINGHAM, CONKLING, STEVENS and MORRILL. It is a good representation of the radical element of the House.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY.

The question of the reorganization of the army is attracting the early attention of Congress. The House Military Committee had interviews this morning with the President, Gen. GRANT and the Secretary of War on the subject. The organization on what is known as the skeleton principle, that is, of having the army so organized that in time of peace it may have a small number of men, but in time of war may suddenly be recruited to any numbers required on the basis of its original organization, with its proper proportion of every arm of the service.

THE PRINTING OF GEN. GRANT'S REPORT.

Mr. LAFLIN, of New-York, the Chairman of the House Committee on Printing, once a heavy paper manufacturer, and a practical business man, who looks at the cost of things, made a very sensible little speech to-day in regard to the printing of Gen. GRANT's report, in which he rebuked the growing tendency to extravagance in these things. The proposition to print two hundred and fifty thousand copies was reduced to twenty thousand and passed.

THE OMNIBUS BILL.

The House Committee on Appropriations had a meeting to-day to consider the Civil Appropriation Bill, known as the Omnibus, which failed at the close of the last session, in consequence of Mr. HENRY WINTER DAVIS' rider on military interests which was attachedto it. It is probable the bill will be reported just as it came up last year, minus the Davis amendment, of course. Two of its items, the invalid pension and Executive mansion appropriations, were presented in separate bills, and passed to-day, because of the urgent necessity for meeting the demands upon those funds.

THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

As some mistakes have been made in the publication of the names of the members of the Committee on Elections, they are given again by way of correction: Messrs. Dawes of Massachusetts, Chairman; Schofield of Pennsylvania, Baxter of Vermont, Upson of Michigan, Marshall of Illinois, Paine of Wisconsin, Shellebarger of Ohio, McClurg of Missouri, Radford of New-York.

MEXICAN NEWS—IMPORTANT LIBERAL VICTORY.

Official news from Acapulco has been received by Senor ROMERO, the Mexican Minister. The dates are to Nov. 26. Gen. ALVAREZ transmits the details of an important victory over the French obtained by the enterprising Gen. DIAZ, shortly after his escape from the jail in which he was confined at Puebla. The national forces obtained quite a number of arms, &c., and also the papers of the French commanding officer. On the 30th of October last, Gen. DIAZ had an interview with Gen. ALVAREZ near Acapulco, with the view of commencing a new campaign against the French, in which the States of OAXACA and Guerero will act in combination. The national cause is represented in the ascendancy in Southern Mexico.

MR. DICKINSON SERENADED.

Hon. D. S. DICKINSON was serenaded this evening at Willard's Hotel. Notwithstanding the piercing cold wind then blowing, quite a large crowd collected. Mr. DICKINSON, in response to calls for a speech, appeared upon the balcony and made a few remarks, congratulating his hearers upon the return of peace, and counseling moderation, harmony and fraternal feeling in the great work of reconstruction upon which we have but now commenced. In the course of his remarks he said: "ANDREW JOHNSON is not a hot-house plant, but a mountain oak, which defies the fury of the thunder-gust—intrepid, yet patient; firm, but forgiving. With the Union and the constitution as his pillar and his cloud, he seeks to reconcile and bring together again the estranged children of a common father. Let us all aid him in the good work, and secure its accomplishment." The speaker was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his speech.

AFFAIRS IN VIRGINIA.

The Legislature of Virginia has fixed the 21st inst. for the election of State officers, and it is thought here from private intelligence received from Richmond, that it is the design of that body to reinstate the old officers who held place under Gov. SMITH. Gov. PIERPONT would regard this as personal, and it is believed would retire from office in that event, which would force upon the government the appointment of a Provisional Governor.

THE COMING HOLIDAYS.

Congress is already preparing for the enjoyments of the holidays, and proposes to take a very liberal recess. After much squabbling, to-day, the House voted to adjourn from Dec. 20 to Jan. 9. The Senate will concur, though it may make it Jan. 4, instead of 9.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LABOR SYSTEM.

The eight-hour movement was brought into Congress to-day, by a resolution introduced into the Senate by Mr. BROWN, directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of making eight hours a lawful day's labor wherever Congress has jurisdiction. This movement is strongly urged by the government employes in this district. They have a particular interest in it, and expect great moral effect upon other employers, should it prove successful, of which there is much doubt.

EULOGIES UPON MR. COLLAMER.

Both Houses had longer sessions than usual to-day, but they were chiefly devoted to pronouncing eulogies upon Hon. JACOB COLLAMER, late United States Senator from Vermont. About half-a-dozen speeches in eulogy were made in each House; Senator FOOT, in the Senate, and Mr. MORRILL, in the House, paying the most eloquent tributes to the worth of the departed statesman.

ARRIVALS IN WASHINGTON.

Among the arrivals to-day are Major-Gens. MEADE, from Philadelphia; PLEASONTON, from Milwaukee, and TORBERT, from Norfolk. Also, C. A. DANA, Ex-Assistant Secretary of War, and N. P. JUDD, Ex-Minister to Berlin.

THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

The Court of Claims to-day ordered that a peremptory call of the docket be commenced on the second Monday in January next, when all cases in their order will be called, and if not ready or continued for cause shown, they will be dismissed. The court adjourned to Monday, the 18th inst.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

The President's mansion is to be attended to. Its disgraceful condition can no longer be endured, even by the most Democratic of the Congressmen; so Mr. STEVENS to-day, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported a bill which was promptly passed, to refurnish the mansion at a cost of $30,000 or less.

VISITORS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Among the visitors at the White House to-day was HENRY A. SMYTHE, Esq., President of the Central National Bank of New-York, who had a long interview with the President. CHARLES A. DANA, editor of the Chicago *Republican*, Maj.-Gen. MEADE and Maj.-Gen. TORBERT also visited the President.

THE MEXICAN MISSION.

It is stated, this evening, that Gen. LOGAN has accepted the Mexican mission. He dined yesterday with Señor ROMERO, the Mexican Minister.

OPERA IN WASHINGTON.

MARETZEK is out with a manifesto for a short and sweet season of opera with his splendid troupe, commencing Christmas night. Among the operas to be given are "L'Africaine," "Crispino e la Comare." "Faust" and "Trovatore." Washington has been famishing for refined amusements lately, and the opera will be successful beyond doubt.

IS TREASON A CRIME?

Mr. HENDERSON, of Oregon, wishing to test the sense of the House on the question of treason being a crime, offered a resolution to that effect, with an addition that it ought to be punished. The House agreed to it unanimously, though several Democrats dodged the vote.

APPOINTED TO A CLERKSHIP.

H. N. CARTER, of Westfield, Mass., has been appointed to the position of assistant clerk under the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

PERSONAL.

Capt. W. T. ROCKWOOD, of Minnesota, who served in the army during three years, was this morning appointed a special agent of the Treasury Department.

Gen. JOHN L. SWIFT, of Louisiana, was to-day appointed clerk of the House Committee on Foreign Relations.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court, on motion of Hon. D. S. DICKINSON, EDWARD M. LEE, Esq., of New-York, was admitted to practice in this court as attorney and counselor at law. The following gentlemen were also admitted, viz.: P. B. STINSON and SIMON FOWLE, of the District of Columbia, and THOS. R. HUDD, of Wisconsin, and JONAS M. TEBBETTS, of Arkansas. The argument in number 76, Chenango Bridge Company *vs.* Binghamton Bridge Company, was progressing when the court adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

There was a remarkable and exciting scene in the Circuit Court to-day. Mr. BRADLEY expressed the hope that the court, Judge OLIN, would not argue certain facts to the jury. The Judge denied he had interfered with the facts, and said he would not be insulted, and would not suffer Mr. BRADLEY to state to the court what the later knew to be untrue.

Mr. BRADLEY—If you mean to say I have stated what I know to be untrue, you are a liar and a scoundrel.

The Court ordered the Marshal to take Mr. BRADLEY into custody, and he was removed from the room. Mr. BRADLEY, with two members of the bar, was in the Criminal Court-room a few moments afterward, when Judge OLIN passed through. Mr. BRADLEY said—"Are you looking for me? Do you intend to send me to jail?"

Judge OLIN—"Not yet."

Mr. BRADLEY—If you say to me what you said on the bench—that I stated what I knew to be untrue—I will thrash you.

Judge OLIN—You thrash me! Go away.

Judge OLIN ordered a rule to be served on Mr. BRADLEY, to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court.

Among the visitors to the President to-day was HENRY A. SMYTH, President of the Central National Bank of New-York City, who had a protracted interview.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE—Thursday, Dec. 14.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LABOR SYSTEM.

Mr. BROWN, of Missouri, (Union,) offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency and rightfulness of providing by law for the adoption of the eight-hour system of labor in all employment and places to which the jurisdiction of Congress extends, so far as the same may be practicable, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Union,) thought the resolution ought to go to some other than the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Union,) suggested its reference to the Committee on Naval Affairs, as most of the persons to be affected by the resolution were employed in the Navy-yard.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Union,) thought the resolution had better not be adopted at all, as it was a question that did not properly belong to the Senate to consider. It was a question regulated by the laws of the different States. So far as the Navy-yard was concerned, there was a law providing that workmen there should perform the same number of hours' work as workmen in corresponding yards around it.

The resolution was, at the suggestion of Mr. BROWN, laid over informally.

TO ADJOURN TILL MONDAY.

On motion of Mr HARRIS, of New-York, (Union,) it was ordered that when the Senate adjourn to-day, it adjourn to meet on Monday next.

THE LATE SENATOR COLLAMER.

Mr. FOOT, of Vermont, (Union)—Mr. President, I rise to ask the Senate to suspend for this day its deliberations upon public affairs, that we may offer fitting and appropriate tribute to the character and memory of one who has long been associated with us in the national councils, but who is with us now no more. Since our assembling here at this present session, we have all had occasion to remark, none of us can have failed to remark, the absence of one of our members—one whom we have long been accustomed to meet and to hold council with in these halls. An elder brother, who has long mingled with us in our deliberations here—a wise and discreet statesman—a learned and judicious counsellor—a pure patriot—a just and an upright man, has been removed from among us by the hand of death—a venerable form long familiar to our sight, has been taken away out of our presence. I bring no new message to this body for it has already been heralded throughout the country, yet I am none the less sad in making the formal announcement to the Senate of the death of my late colleague, Hon. JACOB COLLAMER. It is eminently fit and becoming, Mr. President, as it is also in accordance with an approved and sacred custom, that we pause for an hour in the ordinary routine of our daily labor that we may consecrate that hour to the virtues and the memory of a deceased and lamented associate who has shared so long and so largely in our regards and in the public confidence, for his mature wisdom and for his great moral excellence. Your colleague, Judge COLLAMER, is dead," was the startling telegraphic message I received at my home about five weeks ago. He expired at his residence in Woodstock, Vt., on the evening of the 9th of November past, after a brief illness of little more than a single week, at his own house, in the midst of his own affectionate and devoted household, the full exercise of his intellectual faculties, with an abiding and unshaken faith in the Christian religion, and in the cherished hope of a blissful immortality.

But three weeks before his decease he visited Montpelier, the capital of the State, some fifty miles from his residence, to attend the funeral services of a younger and favorite brother. Having paid the last sad rights of respect and affection to a brother's memory, he returned to his own home, but, alas, only to lay himself down so soon to die. By this dispensation, so sudden and so sad, the Senate of the United States has lost one of the oldest, most experienced and most trusted of its members; the country one of the ablest and purest of its statesmen; society and the Church of which he was a member, one of the worthiest and brightest examples; my own State her most eminent citizen, and this day there is mourning throughout all her borders.

Mr. FOOT then gave a sketch of the life of Mr. COLLAMER, and concluded with a glowing eulogy upon his late colleague, as a wise and incorruptible statesman, whose loss was a national calamity, and whose example should be followed by all who aspire to the faithful service of their country.

At the conclusion of his oration, Mr. FOOT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Senate have received with the deepest sensibility the announcement of the death of Hon. JACOB COLLAMER, late a Senator of the United States from the State of Vermont.

Resolved, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect due to the memory of Hon. JACOB COLLAMER, will go into mourning by wearing crape on the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

It was ordered that the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives.

Mr. HARRIS, of New-York, (Union,) said: It is not for Vermont alone to mourn. New-York claims the privilege of standing by her side in the hour of affliction; of bending with her in grief over the grave of her illustrious son. He was a son of Vermont by adoption, of New-York by birth. The elevated position he so long occupied; the extensive influence he so long wielded: the honor awarded him by all, may justly satisfy the pride both of his native and adopted States. A man of singular worth and rare virtues has been lost to us both. As Senators, we may well unite in paying our tribute of respect to the memory of one so justly honored. We may well pause in our deliberations to bestow our homage upon one so justly beloved. The Senate has indeed lost one of its ablest statesmen, one of its purest patriots. In honoring such a man we honor ourselves. When we met in this chamber a few days ago, I am sure the thought was present to every mind that one of our number was not here; that one seat had been made vacant; that the oldest and most experienced, perhaps the wisest of our body, was gone. It is hard for us to believe that the venerable form so familiar to us here, will no longer stand in our midst; that he who was so lately the object of our reverence, has already been carried away by death; that we shall never again listen to words of wisdom and patriotism from his lips. Those who knew him best will miss him most. In the Senate, where his counsels had been so prominent, his death will be felt as no ordinary bereavement. We do well to mourn for him. How frequently, Mr. President, we have been called to honor the Senate's dead; to pay the homage which friendship is ever prompt to offer to those who have been our associates in the National council. This is the sixth occasion since I became a member of this body when the Senate has paused to render its public tribute to the memory of its dead. The eloquence of DOUGLAS and BAKER is no longer heard in these halls; BINGHAM and THOMPSON and HICKS no longer appear in their wonted places. Thus one after another familiar face disappears, and the great and the good pass from among us. But of them all, the loss of none will be more deeply felt than that of him to whose memory we now pay the last tribute of affection and respect. It is not my purpose to speak in detail of the life and character and public services of our lamented friend. To do so, would be to repeat what has been so well and so beautifully said by the Senator who has preceded me; and what could be more beautiful or more appropriate than the eulogy to which we have just listened? He has traced the course of Judge COLLAMER from the earliest beginning of his career to his last hour, showing how by his energy, his intellectual power and moral worth, he reached the high position he so long occupied. I did not know him, as did the Senator from Vermont, when in the pride and freshness of his life. When we first met, the hand of time had touched him; but even then I saw enough to realize what he might have been in the full maturity of his vigor and manhood. He had passed beyond the allotted period of human life, yet even his last years were devoted with all fidelity and success to the service of his country. To the last he continued to exhibit the effects of a mind disciplined by early habits of industry, and well furnished with the rich fruits of a long experience. In him were happily combined those elements which constitute the sound and judicious statesman and the man of great personal dignity. He was justly esteemed for the excellence of his judgment and the purity of his character. His most prominent characteristics were sound discretion, clear discernment, good common sense, and great honesty of purpose. No purer patriot ever participated in the councils of the nation. He did not often occupy the attention of the Senate in debate, but when he arose to speak he always received the most respectful and earnest attention. Such was the calmness and force of his argument; so fluent were his resources both of wisdom and experience; so minute was his knowledge of public affairs, that all present, Senators and spectators, became interested and instructed listeners.

Mr. HARRIS then dwelt upon the character of Mr. COLLAMER as he had known him in the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Maryland, (Dem.,) said, the loss of such a man as Judge COLLAMER at any time was a serious loss to the public councils; but when one who had so long and so faithfully served the country—one so conspicuous for his wisdom and his patriotism—was taken away, the event could not be recognized as other than a great national calamity. Valuable as were his teachings and examples in past days, now that the shock of arms was no longer upon us—now that the flow of fraternal blood was arrested, and the authority of the government everywhere reinstated—there yet remained questions of great interest to be adjusted, upon which Mr. COLLAMER's advice would have been of great importance.

From my intimate knowledge of him (said the speaker) I deplore his loss, the most because I am satisfied that he would greatly have assisted us in so solving the great questions before us as to make our Union more perfect than it ever has been—a Union cemented by the hearts of the people as well as by the force of constitutional obligation. The means calculated to effect at the earliest moment this great result require high intellectual and moral qualities; qualities so elevated as to be inaccessible to most men. It was from the general conviction that these qualities were possessed in the deceased Senator that the voice of regret at his decease was so universal. And this general sentiment was that under the guidance of wisdom, such as his, all would soon be well; that his exposition of the policy, suited to the difficulties of the hour, would be so clear and statesmanlike as materially to influence the deliberations of Congress and satisfy the public mind. And well might this impression prevail. For to such a work the mind of Judge COLLAMER was admirably adapted. His knowledge of the history and institutions of our country was alike exact and profound. He has studied them, not only in their details, but in their philosophy. He came therefore to the consideration of all great questions of public policy with great advantages. Impressed with the conviction that our institutions, unobstructed, as our fathers designed them, contained everything necessary to secure individual liberty and the public welfare, he was at all times the advocate of keeping every department of the government within the limits prescribed by the constitution. To transfer these under any exigency, he ever repudiated as indamissible and dangerous. With a mind strongly conservative by nature, with a deep feeling for justice to the abilities of others, he at all times opposed measures and principles rejected or maintained by any department of the government which he believed to be unwarranted by the constitution. This he exhibited in strong terms in his admirable speech of the 12th of February, 1862.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Rep.,) said, that among the distinguished men who during the last seven years had occupied seats in the Senate, he regarded Mr. COLLAMER as having no superior. He was not elected to the Senate through his own skill in political combinations, or to advance the personal interest of any set of men, but on account of his individual popularity. With great distinctness, not to say abruptness and extreme tenacity of opinion and purpose, and a somewhat proportionate disregard for the opinions of others when differing from him, he was not apt to gather around him the attachment of a party devoted to him, but had large numbers of men in his individual success. Notwithstanding this, few among the members of the Senate have been more successful in contracting and retaining the confidence and regard of the people among whom they live. He inspired with profound respect for him those who knew him, and formed associates around him. He was the possessor of qualities which could not fail to attract the attention of people disposed to estimate men at their true value.

Mr. FESSENDEN dwelt at length upon the character of the deceased as a lawyer and legislator, and passed a high eulogium upon him in both capacities.

Mr. DIXON, of Connecticut, (Union,) said the Nestor of the American Senate had been called from the scene where his counsel had been so often heard, and his wisdom so justly honored. Whatever of eloquence, of learning, of skill in debate, may remain in this body, the death of Judge COLLAMER leaves a void here which will not easily be supplied. Whoever aspires to fill his peculiar place and exert a similar influence must possess not only equal abilities and a character as pure, but a judgment enlightened like his by the lessons, and a mind stored with the fruits, of a long and varied experience. If, in our estimate of the dead, we are sometimes liable to pass beyond the measure of a just appreciation, we may be assured that whatever harangue of eulogy is applied to him, we are in little danger of exceeding a correct judgment of his merits. In the Senate and wherever else he was called to act, he was a man so marked and peculiar that his superiority in many striking respects was at once acknowledged. It was my good fortune to know him somewhat intimately, first in the House of Representatives, and more lately in this body; while in both these positions, he was conspicuous among the celebrated and able men with whom he was associated in public affairs. There were certain qualities, intellectual and moral, in which he was not surpassed by any of the distinguished men of his time. And, first of all, he was a just man. His integrity was a pervading and governing characteristic of his nature, which not only controlled his conduct, but shaped his sentiments and opinions, so that he seemed gifted with an unerring judgment of right and wrong.

To us, (said Mr. DIXON,) our venerated and deeply lamented friend was chiefly known for his punctual and constant attendance, and his faithful labor in this body in the business and debates of which he took a leading part. In the truest and best sense of the word, he was a conservative. To conserve, to defend, to uphold and maintain, the Government, the Union, the Constitution, the laws, of the United States—this was his constant effort—the mission and labor of his life. He did not believe, however, that conservatism consists in upholding ancient error, or persisting in wrongs, because they seem by the lapse of time to have become irremediable, or by custom and usage to have grown inviolable. On the contrary, he thought that what is good in a government may best be defended and preserved by seeking the proper occasion to correct abuses and rectify mistakes.

Mr. RIDDLE, of Delaware, (Dem.,) said he would not attempt an eulogy of the deceased, but would confine himself to a simple obituary. In the death of JACOB COLLAMER, Vermont had lost one of its brightest jewels, the Senate one of its most valued members, and the country one of its greatest statesmen. He was great in feeling, great in thinking, great in principle and great in action. Would that he had lived to aid in the great work of reconstruction which I hope we are about to inaugurate.

Mr. RIDDLE said his first acquaintance with Mr. COLLAMER was in 1849 and 1850, when he was Post-master-General of the United States, the duties of which office he discharged with singular ability and general satisfaction. After a reference to some facts in Mr. COLLAMER's public life, Mr. RIDDLE closed with an eloquent tribute to his worth as a statesman and a patriot.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Union,) said that since HENRY CLAY had left the Senate chamber, no Senator had died whose death created such a blank in the public councils, unless it was Mr. DOUGLAS. He was our most venerable associate, and his place did not shrink with time. He was, when we last saw him, as important to our debates and conclusions as he had ever been; still possessed of those peculiar powers of argument and illustration, he was not so old that he was not often the life of this body.

Mr. SUMNER spoke of the deceased as an orator, a lawyer and a legislator, and passed a high eulogium upon his character as a statesman.

Mr. RADFORD, of New-York, (Union,) spoke of Mr. COLLAMER as a lawyer, in which capacity he had known him long and intimately.

At the conclusion of Mr. POLAND's remarks the resolutions of Mr. FOOT were adopted unanimously, and the Senate adjourned to meet on Monday next.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CHANGE IN A COMMITTEE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. HART, of New-York, as a member of the Committee on the District of Columbia, in place of Mr. DAVIS, resigned.

COMMITTEE ON REIMBURSING LOYAL STATES.

The Speaker also announced the following special committee on Mr. BLAINE's resolution relative to reimbursing the loyal States for money expended in putting down the rebellion: Messrs. Blaine of Maine, Hooper of Massachusetts, Loan of Missouri, Boyer of Pennsylvania, Darling of New-York, Plants of Ohio, Newell of New-Jersey, Smith of Kentucky, Ferry of Michigan.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTHERN STATES.

The following is the committee to inquire into the condition of the late so-called Confederate States: Messrs. Stevens of Pennsylvania, Washburne of Illinois, Morrill of Vermont, Grider of Kentucky, Bingham of Ohio, Conkling of New-York, Boutwell of Massachusetts, Blow of Missouri, Rogers of New-Jersey.

THE HOLIDAY ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, (Union,) said the House might as well at this time determine the period for which they would adjourn over for the holidays, and he therefore introduced a joint resolution.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) moved to fill the blanks therein by naming from the 21st of December to the 4th of January.

Mr. WASHBURNE moved the insertion of the 9th of January.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Pennsylvania, (Dem.,) thought the House might include all the holidays. The 8th of January was a great holiday in his State, and was generally celebrated in the right way. He should therefore vote for the adjournment, in order to allow gentlemen who lived at a great distance to go home and remain a few days.

Mr. RADFORD, of New-York, (Union,) asked the gentleman to include the 4th of July.

Mr. JOHNSON replied that the State of New-York did not know the 4th of July. It was played out.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, (Union,) was in favor of working along now and adjourning next Summer. No business would be prepared during the adjournment, and the result would be that when the members met again they would be in the same position as before the adjournment. By losing so much time they would be compelled to stay here till Summer, sweltering through the hot months of June and July. Beside, the cholera which has visited Asia and Europe, may then be here. It was folly to adjourn over. Let the gentlemen continue in session and work when all the members are present. He had never been here a long session that members did not regret a long duration of the holidays.

Mr. SPALDING, of Ohio, (Union,) said he came here to work, but he was willing to gratify his Western friends who came here with the expectation of spending the holidays at home. The sense of his committee had been taken and they voted in favor of adjourning from the 21st of December to the 4th of January. This was as long a time as had ever been given. He agreed with what had been so well said by the gentleman from Illinois. We would be losing the most valuable time for two or three weeks when we might work every hour of the day. When the hot Summer comes we shall regret that we did not remain continuously in session.

Mr. STEVENS remarked that the rules required that the principal appropriation bills be reported within the first thirty days. The Committee on Appropriations would be ready before the holidays to report those bills so that gentlemen might examine them.

Mr. KELLY, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) remarked that the House might as well adjourn to the 9th of January. But he rose to ask his colleague (Mr. JOHNSON) who said the Fourth of July was played out at Vicksburgh or Gettysburgh?

Mr. JOHNSON replied he had informed the gentleman from New-York that the Fourth of July was played out in that State. If the Fourth of July was played out at Gettysburgh, his colleague did not help to play it out.

The House agreed to the amendment to adjourn to the 9th of January next, and the question recurring on the passage of the resolution, Mr. PIKE, of Maine, (Union,) said he hoped it would be voted down.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, (Union)—I do not.

Mr. ROLLINS unsuccessfully moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The resolution was then agreed to by a vote of 90 yeas against 67 nays. It provides (the Senate concurring) that the two houses will adjourn from the 20th of December to the 9th of January next.

The vote on the adoption of the resolution is as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Allison, Ancona, Ashley of Ohio, Banks, Barker, Baxter, Beaman, Bidwell, Blaine, Blow, Boutwell, Boyer, Bromwell, Brooks, Broomall, Clark of Kansas, Conkling, Cook, Cullom, Darling, Davis, Dawson, Deming, Denison, Donnelly, Driggs, Eckley, Eggleston, Eldridge, Farquhar, Finck, Glossbrenner, Grider, Grinnell, Hale, Harding of Kentucky, Hart, Hayes, Hill, Holmes, Hotchkiss, Hubbard, Iowa, Hubbard of New-York, Hulburd, James M. Humphrey, Ingersoll, Jenckes, Johnson, Julian, Kelley, Kuykendall, Le Blond, Longyear, Marion, McCullough, McIndoe, Moorhead, Myers, Newell, Niblack, Nicholson, Orth, Paine, Patterson, Perham, Price, Rousseau, Sawyer, Shanklin, Sloan, Starr, Stevens, Stillwell, Strouse, Taber, Taylor, Thomas, Trowbridge, Upson, Van Aernam, Van Horn, Washburne of Illinois, Walker, Williams, Wilson of Iowa, Wilson of Pennsylvania, Winfield, Woodbridge—90.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alley, Ames, Baker, Baldwin, Benjamin, Bergen, Bingham, Brickland, Bundy, Clark of Ohio, Cobb, Dawes, Defrees, Eliot, Farnsworth, Ferry, Griswold, Harding of Illinois, Henderson, Hogan, Hubbard of Connecticut, Hubbell of New-York, Hubbell of Ohio, James Humphrey, Kasson, Kelso, Kerr, Ketchum, Laflin, Latham, Lawrence of Pennsylvania, Lawrence of Ohio, Loan, Lynch, Marshall, McClurg, McKee, McRuer, Mercur, Morris, Moulton, O'Neill, Phelps, Pike, Plants, Randall of Pennsylvania, Randall of Kentucky, Raymond, Rice of Maine, Rice of Massachusetts, Rogers, Rollins, Ross, Scofield, Shellabarger, Setgreaves, Smith, Spalding, Thayer, John L. Thomas, Thornton, Voorhees, Ward, Warner, Washburne of Massachusetts, Windom, Wright—67.

REFURNISHING THE WHITE HOUSE.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported a bill appropriating $30,000, or so much as may be necessary, to refurnish the President's house and to repair the same. This amount was required and was more than the usual amount, which failed to be appropriated during the last session.

The bill was passed.

PAYMENT OF PENSIONS.

Mr. STEVENS also reported a bill appropriating $15,440,000 for the payment of invalid and other pensions.

Mr. JOHNSON had no objection to the passage of the bill, but he wanted to increase the pensions of the lower grade of pensioners by giving them more than eight dollars a month, which was not sufficient for their support.

Mr. STEVENS said the remarks of the gentlemen were very well, but this bill was prepared in accordance with the existing law. He would be willing, at the proper time, to vote for increase of bounties and to make them payable out of rebel estates.

The bill was passed.

THE WEST POINT ACADEMY.

Mr. STEVENS also reported a bill making appropriations for the support of the West Point Academy for the year ending June 30, 1867, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and made the special order of the day for January 18.

THE ALBANY BRIDGE.

Mr. DAVIS, (Union,) introduced a bill, which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, providing that the bridge being constructed over the Hudson River at Albany by the Hudson River Bridge Company, shall be a highway for the purposes authorized by the New-York Legislature, and may be used as a postal route of the United States.

THE REPORT OF GEN. GRANT.

Mr. LAFLIN, of New-York, (Union,) from the Committee on Printing, reported a resolution that 20,000 extra copies of the official report of Lieut.-Gen. GRANT, without covers, be printed for the use of the headquarters of the armies of the United States.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, suggested that the gentleman had better make the number a little larger, say 50,000 copies, as the report was so long that but few newspapers outside of New-York printed it.

Mr. LAFFLIN said the committee were as anxious as any other members to give full circulation to the report. It was interesting. But they could not neglect what they conceived to be the performance of a duty. It was time for the House to enter upon the subject of retrenchment. Desirous as the committee were to pay a compliment both to the subject and the author of the report, they felt that they could not transcend their ideas of economy. By reporting to print 25,000 copies they exceeded by 100 per cent. the demand made by the House for copies of reports of a similar character for the last four years. From a statement by the Public Printer each copy will cost without covers seven, and with covers ten cents. If 250,000 copies were printed as originally proposed, the expense would be nearly $25,000. They would have reported in favor of printing that number if the state of the finances permitted. A million and a half dollars will be asked to defray the expenses of public printing; and it was therefore time that retrenchment should begin. They should not at this time inaugurate a system which would be followed during the whole session. He repeated they must economize in public printing, and not increase the expenses on this head to two or three million.

The resolution was then adopted.

CUSTOM-HOUSE FOR JERSEY CITY.

Mr. WRIGHT, of New-Jersey, (Dem.,) introduced a bill, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase a suitable site for a Custom-house and warehouse at Jersey City, and making an appropriation (amount not specified) for the erection of the building.

EQUALISING SOLDIERS' BOUNTIES.

Mr. CLARK, of Kansas, (Union,) introduced a bill, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to equalize the bounties of soldiers by providing the uniform bounty of $100 (?) per month, computing for the whole period of service, and counting the whole term of enlistment in cases of honorable discharge by reason of disability incurred in the service, or because their services were no longer needed; all bounties heretofore paid to be deducted from the total allowance; in case of death, the bounty to revert—first, to the widow; second, to his children; third, to the father, if a loyal resident of the United States; next, to the mother, and next to the brothers or sisters.

TREASON.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Oregon, (Union,) offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That treason against the United States Government is a crime and ought to be punished.

Mr. DAVIS wished it to be referred to the Select Committee of Fifteen.

Mr. WENTWORTH, of Illinois, (Union,) could see no use in passing it, the fact being admitted.

The House adopted the resolution by a unanimous vote—158.

NATIONAL BUREAU OF INSTRUCTION.

Mr. DONNELLY, of Minnesota, (Union,) introduced the following, which was agreed to:

Whereas, Republican institutions can find permanent safety only upon the basis of the universal intelligence of the people; and,

Whereas, The great disasters which have afflicted the nation, and desolated one-half of its territory, are traceable, in a great degree, to the absence of common schools and general education among the people of the lately rebellious States; therefore,

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Reconstruction be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing in this capital a national bureau of education, whose duty it shall be to enforce education without regard to race or color upon the population of all such States as shall fail below a standard to be established by Congress; and to inquire whether such a bureau should not be made an essential and permanent part of any such system of reconstruction.

WASHINGTON RAILWAY FACILITIES.

Mr. SLOAN, of Wisconsin, (Union,) asked leave to introduce the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be directed to inquire whether persons visiting the national capital from the West are subjected to any unnecessary inconvenience or obstacles in passing through the City of Baltimore; and to report to this House at an early day whether it would be just and expedient to authorize the Northern Central Railroad Company of Pennsylvania to extend their road to this city.

JOHN L. THOMAS, of Maryland, objected to the reception of the resolution.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

On motion of Mr. COBB, of Wisconsin, (Union, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether the Act of Congress by which so much of the District of Columbia as lies south of the Potomac was receded to the State of Virginia, is not void as being in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution of the United States; and, if so, what legislation is proper or necessary to enable the government to resume its jurisdiction over that portion of the said District; to report by bill or otherwise.

IN REGARD TO ARMY PROMOTIONS.

On motion of Mr. PAINE, of Wisconsin, (Union,) a resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, that justice demands that in case of any increase of the standing army within five years from Jan. 1, 1866, all new commissions below that of Lieutenant-General shall be granted to such meritorious and capable volunteer officers and soldiers as have not heretofore been held commissions in the regular army, and that such as have been partially disabled and are yet capable of performing the duties necessary in peace or war shall be preferred in granting such commissions.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTHERN STATES.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, (Union,) offered the following:

Resolved, That all papers which may be offered relative to the representation of the late so-called Confederate States of America, or of either of them, shall be referred to the Joint Committee of fifteen without debate, and that no members shall be admitted from either of said so-called States until Congress shall declare such States, or either of them, entitled to representation.

Mr. JOHNSON moved to lay the resolution on the table, and called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, (Union,) inquired whether the resolution was not the same as that stricken out by the Senate.

The Speaker could not answer the question as it was in the character of debate.

Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, (Dem.,) said it was the same precisely.

The House refused to lay the resolution on the table by a vote of 42 yeas against 109 nays.

Mr. ELDRIDGE, of Wisconsin, (Dem.,) said the resolution was a violation of the constitution and the laws of Congress, which require the Speaker to administer the oath to all members elect before they appear.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. KELLY asked that Gov. BROWNLOW's letter be read to the House.

Mr. STEVENS—Pass the resolution first, and read it.

Mr. SMITH, of Kentucky, (Union) asked whether it was not unfair that this proposition should be introduced at this time, considering that both houses of Congress had stricken it out from the original resolution.

The Speaker said he was not authorized to express his opinion as to the fairness or unfairness of the subject.

Mr. DAVIS, of New-York, had a constitutional objection to the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS called him to order, the House having nothing to do at present with the constitution.

Mr. DAVIS said he rose to a question, whether to pass this resolution was not in conflict with the provision of the constitution that each House is the judge of the election, qualifications and returns of its members?

Mr. STEVENS again called the gentleman to order.

Mr. KASSON asked for a decision as to whether the resolution involved the referring of the credentials to the joint committee?

Mr. BROOKS said referring the papers was unimportant, but was it proposed to refer the credentials of members to that committee?

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, said all this conversation was out of order.

The Speaker remarked that the questions asked for were not points of order.

Mr. THAYER, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) wanted to suggest a modification of the phraseology of the resolution.

The Speaker said that required unanimous consent.

The resolution was passed, under the operation of the previous question; yeas, 107; nays, 56, as follows:

YEAS—Mess

the heads, and the love of thought of which they were the representatives, as Mr. Bright describes them, would hardly deserve the name of an Englishman, if we English were not, after all self-willed, one-sided, and combattive to excess, especially when we happen to be Quakers."

STEPHENS has not been heard from. The Head-Centre has got beyond the circumference. He appears to have gone off in a tangent. Not a trace of him has been discovered. It is guessed that he got on board a fishing-boat at Howths and was put on board an outward-bound American ship, or that he made for the French coast, or that he is still in Dublin. He may be with JOHN MITCHEL in Paris. Meantime they are trying the rest, for fear a gold key may also open their prison doors.

Ireland is misgoverned, no doubt, but the same may be said of every portion of the British Empire. London is deplorably, abominably misgoverned. We need a revolution in the metropolis. I do not believe there are three millions of people anywhere in the world subject to more abuses, suffering more misery for requiring more reforms. The Irish have more spirit and intelligence—so they organise, conspire, emigrate—make at least some effort to better their condition. The chief evidence relied upon to convict LUBY, the first Fenian tried, consisted of extracts from *The People* newspaper, of which he was registered proprietor, such as the following:

"The day Irishmen humble the haughty crest of England, they chain forever the glory of Ireland to the stars." "Thousands of our young countrymen are itching to clutch rifle or musket, not forgetting the stout old pike, which, minus a sword bayonets notwithstanding, will, we believe, be heard of again in the world." "England has butchered, ruined and plundered the Irish people; and if, in rescuing our own lives and liberties from its clutches, the blood of England's hirelings must be shed, and if the shedding of it for such an end be to many sweet as vengeance, there is nothing unchristian in the act." "America and France have furnished us with glorious examples. In the streets of Paris, and upon the rich soil of America, blood was shed before freedom came, and so must it be in Ireland." "Landlord tyranny will vanish when the land becomes the possession of the people."

Chaining the glory of Ireland to the stars may be illegal; but if it had been Stars and Stripes, it would have been more significant of treason.

LUBY, upon this remarkable evidence, has been convicted, and sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude —plenty of hard work and a long time to do it in, barrin' the ticket-of-leave he may get some fine day for his good character and genteel behavior. He made an impressive speech before being sentenced, in which he admitted that his conviction was in accordance with English law; but he believed that if tried by a higher law, he would be found to have done right, and to have deserved well of his country. The other trials are proceeding.

The trial in the *Shenandoah* case nearly came to an abrupt termination on Thursday night. The jury was tired of it, and having made up their minds, like true Britons, not to convict, they told the Judge they did did not care to be bothered with the summing up of the Attorney-General, but were ready to give their verdict of not guilty instanter; but at the earnest supplications of the Judge, and the pitiful look of the lawyer, whom they wished to silence, they concluded to hear the case to its termination. I am disposed, on the whole, to think well of the jury institution. It leaves men great freedom of opinion. When the lawyers talk two ways, the witnesses swear every way, and the Judge charges no way in particular, a jury-man can always give what verdict he likes, or turn a copper, if he does not care about it, and this, perhaps, in most cases, is the best method of proceedure. In this case the prosecuting officer made his speech, the Judge charged, and the jury acquitted. Capt. CORBETT is cleared of all suspicion of illegality, and I hear of no effort to even indict Capt. WADDELL and his crew, and if indict, no jury to convict.

The cattle plague is spreading frightfully, and has destroyed more cattle the past month than in the four preceding. Every effort to check it has failed, and every mode of treatment. Homœopathy is now to be tried on a large scale, under the auspices of several noblemen. If it succeeds it will be a great triumph. If it fails it will be no worse off than the other methods. So far, of the cattle attacked about six per cent. have recovered. Perhaps the nastiest thing about it, to use a thoroughly English expression, is the fact that tons of the meat of diseased cattle are offered for sale in the London market, and probably in all the markets of the kingdom. Last week 8,500 pounds of such meat was seized. Is it likely that the inspectors found a tenth part of what was offered for sale? It is true that a celebrated doctor has had this sort of meat broiled, roasted and boiled and eaten it without catching the rinderpest; but if not dangerous, it is not agreeable. If the doctors like to dine on such meat, of course they can; but most people prefer roast turkey.

The prices of meat have been raised by the dealers, who wish to make hay while the sun shines, in anticipation of the coming scarcity. The retail prices are out of all proportion to the wholesale, for the people are selling off their cattle, because they are afraid to keep them. To remedy the difficulty we are to have a joint stock Cattle and Meat Company with a capital of £1,000,000, with agents in various districts. In the meantime American meat is in demand, and we have canned oysters from New-York and Baltimore, canned lobsters from Boston, and delicious salmon—cheaper and better than it can be bought in England—from New-Brunswick and Labrador. There is also some turtle-soup from Jamaica. I am sure that this business of putting up ready-cooked food of various kinds will become a very large and profitable one. A herd of cattle, a flock of sheep, banks of oysters, and shoals of fishes can be packed in tin cans, kept ever so long, and sent round the world. Such a business needs only to be honorably conducted to be beneficial and profitable.

We have "struck ile" again. This time in a desolate region of Yorkshire, where there are shales so full of petroleum that it can be obtained at a cost of sixpence a gallon, and land that sold for five pounds an acre has gone up to sixty on the strength of the discovery. These discoveries are good for SPURGEON, but discouraging for Dr. CUMMING. If the world is coming to an end next year, what is the good of all this oil? As it is evidently stored up for use, the world must last until we have used it. But Mr. SPURGEON, aside from any reasoning based on petroleum, is down on these prophecies and profits. Somebody printed some millenium tracts with SPURGEON'S name to them, to help them sell, or to make people believe in them. Mr. SPURGEON was indignant.

"You will hear of me," he said, "in Bedlam, when you hear such rubbish as that from me. The Lord may come in 1866, and I shall be glad to see Him; but I do not believe He will; and the reason why I do not believe he will, is because all these twopenny-half-penny false prophets say He will. If they said that He would not, I should begin to think He would; but inasmuch as they are all crying out as one man that He will come in 1866 or 1867, I am inclined to think He will not arrive at any such time." And then he goes on, in his hearty, coarse, fashion, to denounce some "twopenny-half-penny false prophet," supposed to be Dr. CUMMING, who tries to gain "a little ephemeral popularity by shuffling texts of scripture as the Norwood Gypsies used to shuffle cards." This is a heavy blow to the "Beemaster," but as the Crown Court Chapel, by Drury-lane, is as crowded as the Tabernacle in the Borough, we may conclude that both these eminent divines will keep their popularity till the world ends or they do.

TOM SAYERS' will has been admitted to probate. He left the bulk of his property to two illegitimate children. TOM could not write—but few men had a better fist than he for making his mark. In fact, he was a man of mark. His relics have been sold at auction for the benefit of his father. They consisted of gold and silver cups, medals and other testimonials from all parts of the world. One was from New-York. His favorite dog *Lion* brought thirty-five pounds. They sold also his horse and pony. These articles were bid off mostly by the keepers of public-houses, the resorts of the fancy, and will add to the attractions of those establishments—temples of Bacchus and Hercules—to which the relics are equally appropriate.

I think I wrote you of the unsuccessful application of a lady for divorce, because her husband persisted in bringing his dog to bed with him. The judge ruled that there was no cruelty in such a proceeding. I see that a Mrs. MIRAN has got a separation from her beauty, to whom she brought a fortune of $70,000, one of the facts proved being that he horsewhipped her in the public road, when they had been three or four months married.

The Queen is about to return to public life. She will open the next session of Parliament in person. There will be drawing-rooms, State balls, perhaps. Her Majesty means to give éclât to the new administration. The complaints of fashionables and shop-keepers have reached the throne, and the Prince and Princess of WALES are not to be any longer the centre of the aristocracy. The Princess HELENA is also to have a husband, Prince CHRISTIAN of Augustenberg, who, as he has no kingdom and no expectations, will reside in England, like a good son-in-law, and take care of his mother.

The English are not romantic. Seldom do they go out serenading by the moonlight. The climate is against it, for one thing. A serenade in a London fog or a November drizzle would not be very pleasant. We have our "waits" at Christmas, but they come early in the evening and finish before midnight, because the public houses close then, and they could get no beer. No beer, no music. But there was a serenade the other morning at Windsor Castle, to celebrate the birth-day of the Princess Royal. It was at 7 o'clock in the morning, dark as pitch, and the rain falling in torrents. The choir of the Chapel Royal assembled in greatcoats and mackintoshes, and protected by umbrellas, sung "Hail, Smiling Morn," "The Dawn of Day," "Up, up ye Dames," &c. The choir sang, the water poured, and the repose of the Princess was probably unbroken. In the evening Col. STADARE amused the young royalties.

Miss LAURA HARRIS is the prima-donna of the concerts of Maestro ARDITI at Her Majesty's Theatre. The English Opera Company is about to produce "Lalla Rookh," with unimaginable splendor and sixteen camels, sure to draw if properly harnessed. There may be some drummedaries, but I forego the pun. RISTORI, I see it announced, after playing at Rome, is going to America. She will play in Italian, but that is no matter. You will understand it as well as the opera. Action is everything, and no one compares in action with the Italians. RISTORI is immense. It is said that she does not care to have too good a company to support her. Perhaps she does not like to pay for a first-rate one. A gentleman who saw her play one of her venomous parts with a company of poor actors, said she reminded him of a viper in a bundle of sticks!

If the American in London cares to refresh his eyes with Yankee faces, as after a time he may, I do not see a more likely place than at the concerts of the genuine and indubitable Christy's Minstrels, at St. James' Hall, where they have become a regular institution. I do not mean the blackened faces on the stage, but the parties of unmistakable Americans among the audience. The whole affair is American as possible—Stars and Stripes, and the eagle from the proscenium. There is a moving diorama which takes you by the *Great Eastern* to New-York, and so up Broadway to the old hall of the Christy's. Thence we travel down among the cotton fields, and wind up with the skating carnival in the Central Park, and the illumination of the capitol at Washington. The band of twelve performers is full of talent, and has two voices which compel the applause at times to drown the choruses. These are Mr. RAWLINSON, a tenor, who might aspire to a high place in the opera, and a basso profundo, Mr. ROMER, of singular power.

It is a question, however, whether the make-believe negro melodists will survive the new phases of the race. One can conceive a black Governor of a State, or a black majority in Congress prohibiting what they might consider an insult to what may be, after all, the most durable and fashionable color. I almost always see parties of elegantly dressed black people in the dress circles of the London theatres. There was a large party the other night exactly in the centre of the front seats at Astley's, to see Miss MENKIN'S *Mazeppa*; but I did not see one at Christy's. I judge, therefore, that they do not like it; consequently this style of performance will have to be abandoned. And as most of the music now sung is anything but negro melodies, the black faces and hands might as well be dispensed with, except in the burlesques, farces and breakdowns.

Gay old times, in spite of rebellions and cattle-plagues, we mean to have in the coming holidays. Two masqueredes are announced already, at two of the largest public places in London—Her Majesty's and the Alhambra. The immense Agricultural Hall at Islington is to be opened for a grand national Christmas entertainment, and the place is to be, in the language of an enterprising philologist, "Menkenized two hundred strong," by the addition of the number of pretty girls, advertised for by the management. Mr. SMITH, at ASTLEY'S, will not undertake to get through the holidays with less than three hundred; and as all the music-halls, since the late legal decision, are in the way of running the ballet, and all the theatres must have them by scores and hundreds, the demand for pretty girls is something tremendous. There is a good reason for this over here. In America, there are so many pretty girls everywhere, that they are no novelty; here they are so rare as to be a real curiosity, and people pay for a look at them across the fool-lights. An English girl may well say, "my face is my fortune," when she has one worth seeing. Add pretty hands and feet, and people go mad about her. As a rule, if there is a beautiful woman in a theatre, she is on the stage. There is so little of beauty elsewhere, that in a full opera-house it is scarcely worth while to look about the audience, and an opera-glass, except for the stage, is of no account whatever.

Mr. THORNTON, *Times* Parliamentary reporter, the "Father of the Gallery," has retired at an age nearly as great as that of Lord PALMERSTON. He is an example of English health and power of working, as for forty years he never missed one night in the House of Commons until last season. To think of all the dull speeches he has been obliged to listen to and write down in shorthand, and write out again in long hand, in all that period! Can there be any further need of purgatory for a parliamentary reporter?

One of the pleasantest things in my London experience is to have a check on Coutts. The ancient banking-house is in the Strand, not far from Charing Cross. The great bankers have no signs—it is *infra. dig.* These premises are often shabby. At Coutts' a policeman stands at the door through business hours, and there are generally carriages waiting, and you are likely to brush against an Earl or a Duchess when you go to get your little matter of five guineas. COUTTS & Co. have just done a nice thing, which may be worthy of imitation. Considering the high price of butcher's meat, they have presented each employe of that large establishment—including, I hope, the sturdy and polite, but also remarkably wide-awake, policeman at the door—with one hundred pounds, in addition to his salary—"a blessing I wish you all."

MONADNOCK.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—*Part I.*—The calendar unchanged. The trial of HACKETT for murder, before the Oyer and Terminer, is on in this branch.

CIRCUIT—*Part II*—Short causes.—Nos. 3128, 2691, 3149, 3164, 3275, 3159, 3060, 2238, 2876, 3360, 3294, 2671, 3384, 3387. Number on the general calendar, 2830.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Nos. 269, 184, 17, 194, 273, 275, 276, 277, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 290, 291.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Nos. 49, 83, 77, 98, 99, 101, 102, 106, 107, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117. The call begins at No. 121.

SUPERIOR COURT.—*Part I.*—The calendar stands over until Monday, Dec. 18, on account of the Strong case. *Part II.*—Nos. 1515, 1574, 1610, 489, 2024, 2140, 1644, 2098, 1818, 2154, 2162, 742, 1686, 3810, 2166.

COMMON PLEAS.—*Part I.*—No calendar. *Part II.*—(One hour causes.)—Nos. 1721, 1711, 1579.

Important Habeas Corpus Case—A Confederate of Kennedy and the Other Hotel Burners Interested—Decision as to What is Not a Good Service of the Writ.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—DEC. 14.
Before Justice Leonard.

In the Matter of the Application of Robert Martin to be Discharged on Habeas Corpus.—This case, in some of its aspects, is both interesting and important. It came before the court yesterday under the following circumstances: The petitioner, Mr. Martin, has for a long time past been held at Louisville, Ky., by military authority. It is alleged that he was a confederate of Kennedy and several others, who one night in November, 1864, undertook to burn the City of New-York, by setting fire to the hotels and other public buildings. The circumstances attending the tragic affair are too recent and too fresh in the minds of our readers to need recapitulating. Robert Martin, the petitioner in this proceeding, was arrested by the military authorities on this grave charge, and up to about the 27th ult. has been confined in a prison at Louisville, Ky. At or about the day last mentioned he was, by official military orders—copies of which we publish below—transferred from Louisville to Fort Lafayette, in New-York Harbor. The order transferring him states that the prisoner, Martin, was to be delivered into the custody of Major-Gen. Joseph Hooker, commanding the Military Department of the East, for trial before a military commission.

The prisoner, through his counsel, Mr. LA ROQUE, presented a petition to the Supreme Court on Wednesday, which was drawn up in the usual form in cases of *habeas corpus*. On this petition Mr. Justice GEO. G. BARNARD granted the writ, returnable at 2 P. M. on that day. The writ was returned at the hour named, but all proceedings under it were postponed until yesterday, when the case came up before Mr. Justice LEONARD. The following is the writ in substance:

The People of the State of New-York to Major-Gen. Joseph Hooker:

We command you that you have the body of Robert Martin, by you imprisoned and detained, as it is said, together with the time and cause of such imprisonment and detention, by whatsoever name the said Robert Martin shall be called or charged, before me, one of the Justices of our Supreme Court, at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the 13th day of December next, to do and receive what shall then and there be considered concerning the said Robert Martin. And have you then and there, &c., with the usual attestation and seal of the City and County of New-York.

To this Brevet Brig.-Gen. Van Buren made the following return:

Supreme Court, County of New-York.—In the matter of Robert Martin.—I, the subscriber, Daniel T. Van Buren, Brevet Brigadier-General and Assistant Adjutant-General, not mentioned in the writ of *habeas corpus* in this matter in any manner, but being the person on whom the said writ was served, objects to the jurisdiction of this court, or of the Justice who issued said writ, over him the subscriber, but the subscriber in no manner waiving any such objection answers:

First—That the said Robert Martin is not and was not at the time of the issuing of said writ, under my power or restraint or in my custody.

Second—And for a further and separate return, I answer that I am informed and believe that the said Robert Martin is in the custody of one Martin S. Burke at Fort Layfayette, in the County of Kings, and was so at the time of and before the issuing of said writ, and that he is and was in his custody by virtue of the orders, copies of which are hereto annexed, marked Exhibit A and B.

Third—And for a further and separate answer to said writ, I return and say that, pursuant to the provisions in that respect contained in the first section of the act of [illegible] entitled "An Act relating to habeas corpus and regulating proceedings in certain cases," passed March 3, 1863, I, the subscriber, certify that the said Robert Martin was arrested by the United States military authorities, and was so arrested at the time of the issuing of said writ, and at the time he was produced before me, and that the said Robert Martin is detained by me as a prisoner under the authority of the President of the United States.

Fourth—And I further return that the said Martin is held by order of the President of the United States, for trial or a military offence, to wit: for having, with his confederates, Kennedy and others, set fire to the City of New-York, in violation of the laws of war, and in aid of the rebellion against the Government of the United States; that said setting fire and said were done and given by said Martin in or about the month of December, 1864.

D. T. VAN BUREN.

Sworn to before me this 14th day of December, 1864.
JOSEPH BELL, Notary Public, New-York City.

Below we give the exhibits or orders referred to:

(EXHIBIT A. CONT.)
WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27, 1865.

Maj.-Gen. J. Hooker, Commanding Department of the East and New-York City:

SIR: By direction of the President, Robert Martin, a confederate of Kennedy, now in confinement at Louisville, has been ordered to be sent to New-York and delivered to you for trial before a military commission. I inclose herewith copies of the papers relating to the subject.

I am, Sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,
E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

(EXHIBIT B.)
WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27, 1865.

Maj.-Gen. J. M. Palmer, Commanding Department of Kentucky, Louisville, Ky.:

The President directs that Robert Martin, a prisoner at Louisville, be transferred to New-York and delivered to Gen. Hooker for trial. Acknowledge receipt.
(Signed) E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

The return and the annexed orders having been read by Mr. S. G. Courtney, counsel for the respondent, Mr. LA ROQUE, for the petitioner, objected to the return, on the ground that it was made by Gen. Van Buren and not by Gen. Hooker. In reply Mr. Courtney said, that the service was insufficient, and he should object to proceeding further, on the ground that the statute of the State of New-York had not been complied with in the service of the writ of *habeas corpus*. To substantiate his position he read the

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE.

City and County of New-York, ss.—Du Plessis M. Helm being duly sworn says that he is an elector and a resident of the City and County of New-York; that, on the 13th day of December, 1865, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the morning of said day, he duly served the writ of *habeas corpus*, of which the above is a copy, on Major-Gen. Joseph Hooker, to whom the same is directed, at his headquarters, No. 49 Bleecker-street, in the City of New-York, by delivering the same to and leaving it with Adjutant-Gen. Van Buren, attached to the Staff of said Gen. Hooker, who was in charge of said headquarters at the time. The said Major-Gen. Hooker being at the time absent therefrom on account of sickness. DU PLESSIS M. HELM.

Sworn before me this 13th day of December, 1865.
HORATIO F. CARR, Notary Public, New-York City.

Counsel also cited the statute as to the requisites of service in such cases, and said that if it could not be served on Gen. Hooker, in consequence of his illness, they should have served it on the keeper of the prison, namely, on Lieut.-Col. Burke.

The Court—The Legislature when they passed this law, never supposed that the jail-keeper would live half-a-dozen miles from the jail.

Mr. Courtney—The Legislature never thought we would have a rebellion.

The Court—Yes, that is true.

After some further argument, the court decided that there was no proof before him that the writ had been served according to law, and therefore he could not entertain the subject matter involved.

Decisions.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 14.
By Judge Barbour.

Leopold Sander et al. vs. Asher Myers; motion granted. Furman F. Menayer vs. John Worden; motion granted. Eva Ritter vs. Charles Ritter; motion granted, and cause referred to a referee to hear and determine. Max Maretzek vs. Wm. Cauldwell et al., (two cases;) motion granted. John H. McCabe vs. Wm. Cauldwell do do motion granted. Lucius L. Johnson vs. Frederick G. Gedney; judgment ordered as prayed for. Frederick Cassault vs. James Murphy; motion granted and commission ordered, &c. Henry Ferris vs. Caroline Ferris; motion for order to allowance granted. Charles W. Levi vs. Edward Matthews; motion granted. Bridget Burchard vs. Joseph Burchard; motion granted; proceedings stayed until case is settled, not to exceed twenty days. The Re tor, &c., of the French Church du St. Esprit vs. John J. Burnier; motion granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 14.
By Judge Daly.

Hays vs. Griffin; referred to A. R. Macdonough, Esq. Lyman vs. Rothschild; motion granted opening default, and disallowing allowances made to —— Solomon, by order of Nov. 14, 1864.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 14.
By Justice Ingraham.

Vogel vs. Norton & Andrews; judgment for plaintiff. Reference ordered to take account. (See decision.)

Court of Special Sessions.

Before Justices Kelly and Dowling.

A POLITICAL KNOCKDOWN.

Morris Meyer, a dealer in fancy goods, was charged with violently assaulting Lazarus Glauberg, a neighbor, and an acquaintance. It seems that complainant and defendant were on separate sides of the political machine, and when voters came up with the tickets fixed all right, Meyer would give his tickets, and then when he left, Glauberg would give the voter what he called a better ticket, and thus a personal encounter came about. The feeling that reigned between these political strategists is best given in the language of Louis Levy. He said: I saw Glauberg interfere with different men, and he interfered with me, and he said if I attempted to vote I would get licked; I said I would like to see the man that could lick me; then he offered to lick me, and he did do it, but hit the complainant. Prisoner said the whole thing was accidental; he pushed complainant back to give a brother Israelite the proper ticket, and unintentionally hit Mr. Glauberg. That blow cost him three day's imprisonment, beside a fine of $3.

STEALING FROM THE DEAD.

Mr. Benjamin Aldridge, a respectable workingman, appeared to prosecute Ellen Nolan, a woman of a nondescript character. Mr. Aldridge's wife died, and he was without friends to acquaint them in the city to lay the corpse out and dress it, preparatory to being deposited in the coffin, and he accordingly left the body in the hands of the prisoner and others. The orders of the husband were that the jewelry his wife wore should go to the grave with her; it was hers, and no living being should wear it. But while he was gone, the woman Nolan said to those around her that the ear-rings of the dead woman were better in her pocket than in the grave, and she took them out and put them in her pocket. She would have taken her marriage ring too, but she could not get it off; and when Mr. Aldridge came in, being informed that the ear-rings had been taken out of his wife's ears, he had her arrested. She was tried, convicted, and sent to the Penitentiary.

FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION OF A CHILD.

Wm. McGraw, Hugh McGraw and Joseph McGraw, brothers, were charged with violently assaulting Mary Jane Gault, as she was returning home from Bleecker-church, in Charles-street, last Sunday, with a little girl aged 3 years and 7 months, of which William McGraw is the father. It appeared that William McGraw and his wife had not lived in that harmonious manner which becomes those matrimonially joined. On the one hand it was alleged that the husband Wm. McGraw and his wife were married when the former was an apprentice, and his means were inadequate to support her properly. This did not suit her relatives, and they caused a separation. They were reunited again, and again relatives separated them, and prevented them from living together as they would if left without the interference of friends on either side. Mrs. McGraw has had possession of the child which originated this trouble, and still retains possession of it. On the other hand it is alleged that no interference has come from the relatives; that McGraw has twice abandoned his wife, and has commenced a suit for a limited divorce, but would not have done it if his brothers had minded their own business. It is one of those painful family difficulties where the contestants seem to respect each other, but behind the evidence there seems to be an influence at work to restrain them from coming together. On Sunday, as the complainant, Jane Gault, was returning from church, the father, his two brothers and a friend endeavored to take forcible possession of the child, and did succeed in getting it, but not until an assault had been committed on the complainant, Miss Gault. Her screams attracted attention, and a crowd of fifty or sixty persons followed the father demanding of him to return the child. The police-officer who was not quite a Solomon, could not tell who was entitled to the child, but believing the father had the best right to it in the absence of the mother, sent the father home with it and dispersed the crowd. A writ of *habeas corpus* was afterward obtained, and the child was restored to the mother.

Mr. Charles S. Spencer, who appeared for the complainant, after speaking of the position that Mrs. McGraw occupied, said plaintiff had not employed him in this case, but most responsible men in the Sixteenth Ward; one, for instance, was Councilman George Ross, a man worth $300,000, would see that this woman had her rights.

Mr. Burleigh—The counsel has spoken of Mr. Pryor. The case is now before Roger A. Pryor as referee.

Mr. Spencer—What?

Mr. Burleigh—He is the referee in this case.

Mr. Spencer—I will not go before any Roger A. Pryor.

Joseph McGraw, who was not present at this disturbance, was acquitted; Hugh McGraw was fined $10, and Wm. McGraw, who, without color of law and on the Sabbath, took violent possession of his child, and raised a riot on a small scale, was remanded, to enable the court to know more about the merits of the case.

A HUSBAND NECESSARY IN WINTER.

John Waters, a middle-aged clerk, was charged with assaulting his wife Mary. According to her story, they had been married some fifteen years. In the course of that time several children were born, and course of that time several children were born, and they had led lately far from a happy life. A year or two ago they separated voluntarily, without having recourse to the law, but they came together again. Last Monday night he came home drunk, broke in the door, took some pieces of the door he had broken and beat her, and caused her to seek shelter in the street in her under-clothes. She said she had a little money in the bank in her own name, and, as she said, "He would be as good as pie if he got it to spree it." She wouldn't give it up, hence the beating.

Judge Kelly—Can you live without this man?

Witness—I don't know as I can; it's the depth of winter. If it had been the Spring, I think I could have got along very well.

Judge Kelly—Well, we will give him ten days. That would partially take the rum out of him.

A CONFIDENCE OPERATOR.

William E. Corning, *alias* Edsell, pleaded guilty to two charges of larceny at the last session of the court. Yesterday he was brought up on remand to produce evidence of good character. The longer he remains in prison the worse record appears against him. He has appeared at some places, and represented himself to be a son of Brutus Corning, of Albany, and on these representations obtained various sums of money. He has also represented himself to be a son of ex-Mayor Havemeyer, and run up heavy bills on the strength of it. On investigation it is found that he is the son of an honest, hard-working carman in this city. So many cases of swindling have reached the ears of the court, that instead of sentencing him yesterday as intended, he was again remanded to make further inquiry into his antecedents.

Freedmen's Associations.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I ask the favor of being allowed, through your columns, to answer a very general public inquiry in reference to the organization of the Freedmen's Aid Societies, and their connection with each other.

In the first place, it should be understood that all the societies are coöperating with the Freedmen's Bureau, organized by our government, and of which Gen. HOWARD is chief.

For this purpose we have a voluntary central association, known as the American Freedmen's Aid Commission, divided, for convenience, into an Eastern and Western Department. The so-called departments are composed of the associations which are now, or soon will be, established in every State.

We have one, for example, in our State, called the New-York National Freedmen's Relief Association, which, among other labors, is now engaged in reviving the numerous female clubs that were formed during the war in almost every town of the State, and rendered such essential service to the Sanitary Commission.

The organizations which I have named are thus linked together, but there is also another and distinct association, called the American Union Commission, not at present connected with the system described, but engaged under excellent management in assisting the poor whites as its principal object.

I make this communication at the request of the ladies composing the Committee on Correspondence of our State Association, in order to relieve them, if possible, from the numerous "doubts and queries" addressed either personally or by letter, with which they are constantly besieged. Respectfully,

J. WEIR ROOSEVELT,
Associate Corresponding Member.

Mr. Lincoln on the Freedmen.

The following letter from Mr. LINCOLN appeared for the first time in the *Evening Post* of the 13th inst.:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1, 1865.

Mr. Thomas W. Conway, General Superintendent Freedmen, Department of the Gulf:

SIR: Your statement to Maj.-Gen. HURLBUT of the condition of the freedmen of your department, and of your success in the work of their moral and physical elevation, has reached me and given me much pleasure.

That we shall be entirely successful in our efforts, I firmly believe.

The blessing of God and the efforts of good and faithful men will bring us an earlier and happier consummation than the most sanguine friends of the freedmen could reasonably expect. Yours,

A. LINCOLN.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 14, 1865.

$3,500 U. S. 6s, '81....C.	107¾	100	Quick. Min. Co....		47¾
1,000 U.S.6s,5-20s.C.'62	104	200	do		47¾
20,000 do	104⅝	500	N. Y. Cen. R.		96
46,000 do	104⅞	200	do		96⅛
5,000 U.S.6s,5-20s.R.'62	99⅞	1000	do		95⅞
1,500 U. S. 6s, '71....R.		100	do	b30	95⅞
Ex-int.	95¾	500	do	s60	96
17,000 U.S.6s,5-20s.C.'64	104⅝	200	do		95⅞
14,000 U.S.6s,5-20s.C.'65	103⅝	100	do	s10	95⅞
11,000 do 2d call	103⅝	400	do	2d call	95⅞
15,000 U. S. 6s, '65....C.	97⅝	100	Erie Railroad		99⅛
2,000 U. S.5s, 10-40s....C.	91⅝	600	do		99⅝
20,000 do	91⅜	800	do	s10	93¾
2,000 Tr. Notes, 7.3-10s.		100	do	b10	93¾
First Ser.	97⅞	100	do	2d call	93¾
1,500 do	98	200	do	s10	93¾
2,000 do 2d Ser. 8'll	97⅜	100	Hud. R. R.		108¾
26,500 do	97⅜	200	do		108⅝
50,000 do	97⅜	600	Reading R.		115⅞
20,000 do	97⅜	300	do		115⅜
1,000 U.S.6s, 1 Yr. Cer. New issue	97⅜	100	Mich. S. & N. I.		74⅜
13,000 N.Y.St. 7s, Bounty Loan	98	300	do	b10	74⅞
1,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s	101½	100	Cleve. & Pitts		94⅜
4,000 Virginia 6s	64	200	do	s3	93¾
26,000 Missouri 6s	76⅛	600	do	s30	91⅞
1,000 Illinois Cent. to Pacific R.	76⅜	1000	do	s3	92⅛
1,000 City 8s, '66	88	500	do	2d call	92⅛
150,000 C. & M. Cer.	20¾	200	do	s15	91
100,000 do b30	28⅛	10	Ohio. & N. W.		36
10,000 Erie 4th M.	95½	100	do	s10	35⅞
30,000 do	96	300	do		36⅛
5,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s, '67	101	200	do		36⅜
1,000 Hud. 2d M. S. F. 8s	106	300	Chi. & N.W. Pr.		61½
6,000 Mich. C. 8s, New Loan	110¼	500	do	b30	61¾
2,000 Goshen Br'h Bs.	92	300	do	s30	61¾
1,000 Mich. So. S.F. 8s.	92	100	do	s60	61
1,000 Chi. & N.W. 1st M.	93½	200	Cleve. & Tol. R.		103¾
2,000 do	93	400	do		106
16,000 C. & N. W. Con. 7s.	80	400	do		106¼
2,000 To. & W. 1st M. Ex	91	1000	do		106⅜
1,000 Ind. & St. L. 1st M.	102	1000	do		106⅞
2,000 Del., L. & W. 1st.	102	1200	do		107
1,000 Mil. & St. P. 1st.	84½	300	Chi. & R. I.		106⅜
50 Merchants' Bank	105	2500	do		106⅜
20 Ninth Nat. Bank	105⅛	100	C., Bur. & Quin.		113½
5 Fourth Nat. Bank	99	50	Mil. & P. D. C. 1st Pr.		101
30 do	98½	100	P., Ft. W. & C.		103¼
100 Cen. Coal Co. b20	54	1000	do		105¾
100 Cumb. Coal Pr.	44¾	50	do		106
200 Rutland Marble	18¾	500	do	s30	104⅝
200 Union Nav. Co.	13	100	do	2d call	104⅝
100 West. U. Teleg'h	55	100	do		106½
100 do	54½	500	do	s30	104⅝
200 Han. & St. J. R. Pr.	51¼				

1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

20,000 U.S.6s,5-20s.C.'64	104⅛	100	Hud. R. R.		108⅝
4,500 Tr. Notes, 73-10s.		500	Reading R.		115⅞
Second Ser.	97⅜	50	M. S. & N. I.		74⅜
45,000 N.Y.St. 7s, Bounty Loan	97⅜	200	Cleve. & Pitts		94⅜
10,000 C. & M. C.	20¾	200	Chi. & N. W.		35⅞
7,000 do 1st	28¼	100	Chic. & N. W. Pr.		61¾
575 Ashbourne Coal	18	400	Cleve. & Tol.		106⅜
150 Mariposa Pref.	26	400	Cleve. & Tol.		106⅜
100 Cen. Coal Co. b15	55	900	do		107
100 New-York Cen.	96	200	Chi. & R. I.		106⅝
700 do	96⅛	100	P., Ft. W. & C.		105¾
200 do	96	400	Mar. & Cin. 1st Pr.		55
250 Erie Railroad	99⅛	100	do		53½
1850 do	99⅜	100	Mil. & P. du C. R.		97

2½ O'CLOCK BOARD.

$4,000 U. S. 6s, '81....C.	108	1500	Reading R.		115⅞
2,500 U.S.6s,5-20s.R.'62	104⅛	1000	do		115⅞
19,000 U.S.6s,5-20s.C.'62	104⅛	300	Mich. S. & N. I.		74⅜
10,000 U. S. 6s, 10-40s.C.	91½	170	Chi. & R. I.		106⅝
500 do	91½	100	do		106⅞
175,000 Tr. Notes, 7.3-10s.		800	Cleve. & Pitts.		92¾
Second Series.	97⅜	200	do	s5	93
5,000 do 3d Series.	97⅜	2100	do	s3	91¾
15,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr. Cer.	97⅜	300	do	s30	90
50,000 Ohio & M. Cer.	20¾	300	Chic. & N. W.		35¾
10,000 do	28¼	100	do	s10	61¾
100 Quick. Min. Co.	47	200	do	b30	61¾
100 do	45½	100	do		61¾
1000 N. Y. Cen. R.	95⅞	1000	Cleve. & Tol.		108¼
100 do b10	96	250	do		108⅜
100 do s30	96⅛	200	do		108⅝
550 Erie Railroad	83	13	Chi., Bur. & Quin.		114
500 do s30	93⅝	500	P., Ft. W. & C.		105¾
200 Hud. Riv. R.	108⅝				

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

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same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Wolf Holzwarn to exhibit goods in front of his premises, number sixty Centre-street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to J. and W. W. Cornell to remove and deliver goods in front of their premises on Centre, Elm and Walker streets, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Hunter, Keller & Company to connect a drain from their premises, number one hundred and seventeen Walker-street, to sewer in Centre-street, the same to be done under the direction and rules of the Croton Board.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place the following persons' names on the list of blind: Mary Connell, Daniel Donahue, Cornelius Brennan, Mary McManus, Mary Ann Eugene Moriarty and Matthew O'Hare.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Sullivan to exhibit goods in front of his premises number five hundred and ten Pearl-street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Murray to exhibit goods and keep a sign in front of his premises number four hundred and ninety-four West-street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Rosa Manolt to keep a stand in front of number seventy (the having permission from the occupant of the store), the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Messrs. Barber & Brother to keep a sign in front of their place of business, numbers sixty-three, sixty-five and sixty-seven Bayard-street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Dwyer to keep a sign in front of his place of business, number sixty Centre-street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman Shannon—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to J. B. & W. W. Cornell to receive and deliver goods in front of their premises, numbers one hundred and five to one hundred and three to one hundred and seven Walker-street, and eight-five to eighty-nine Elm-street, during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.
By Alderman Flynn—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to David McManus to keep a stand for the sale of fruits, &c., for the ensuing year, in front of number forty-seven, North River, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman Norton—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mitchell & Spreaton, plumbers and gas fitters, to display a sign in front of their premises, number three hundred and fifty-two Greenwich-street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By the President—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Flynn, a discharged soldier, to keep a stand in front of number 1 Brewery, he having received permission from the occupant, to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman Farley—
Resolved, That the low and sunken lots on the south side of Seventy-second-street, between First and Second avenues, be filled in with good and wholesome earth, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.
Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.
By Alderman Farley—
Resolved, That the Croton Aqueduct Department be and is hereby authorized and directed to have Croton mains laid in Madison-avenue, from Forty-second to Forty-ninth street.
Which was referred to the Croton Aqueduct Committee.
By Alderman Jeremiah—
Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to L. Lowenthal to receive and deliver goods in front of his premises, number three hundred and seventy-nine Bowery, during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman McKnight—
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to place a gas-lamp and post to be lighted in front of number one hundred and twelve Wilson-street.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman Farley—
Resolved, That the Metropolitan Gas Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to have the gas mains laid in Forty-third-street, from Fourth to the Fifth avenue, to erect ten gas-posts set, the street-lamps placed thereon, and said street lighted with gas, the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.
Which was adopted.

MOTIONS.

Alderman Flynn moved to discharge the Committee on Railroads from the further consideration of a report from the Committee on Railroads in relation to the obstructions caused by railroad tracks in various streets in the lower part of the city.
Which was carried.
It then moved a concurrence with the Board of Councilmen.
Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, The President, Norton, Flynn, Gedney, McKnight, Jeremiah, Brice, Kelly, Masterson, Ottiwell, O'Brien—12.
Negative—Alderman Farley—1.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Croton Aqueduct presented a report in favor of donating the sum of five hundred dollars to Ellen Murphy, for injuries sustained by falling into a sewer.
Which was laid over.

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The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of paying M. Garnet for publishing Tax Levy of 1864.
Which was laid over.
The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of donating the sum of $5,000 to the Union Home and School for the education of the children of volunteers.
Which was laid over.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Ottiwell moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the consideration of a resolution to grant the exclusive right of engrossing resolutions in relation to the death of Alderman Andrew D. Bennett.
Which was carried, and the paper laid over.
Alderman Jeremiah moved that when this board adjourn it do adjourn to meet to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.
Which was carried

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Christopher Wray to retain small signs in front of his premises number forty Bathman-street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was concurred in.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to David Hennessey to keep a sign in front of his premises number twenty-one Lispenard-street, the same to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was concurred in.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mrs. Donovan to keep a stand in front of number one hundred and seventy Chatham-street, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was concurred in.
Resolved, That William P. Thompson be permitted to erect a newspaper stand in front of premises number five hundred and eighty-two Broadway, the same to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Haynes, Brother & Company, number one hundred and fifty-two Chatham-street, to exhibit goods in front of their place of business, said permission to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was concurred in.
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to set curb and gutter stones and flag the sidewalks in Worth-street, from Broadway to Baxter-street, where not already done, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was laid over.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Donohoe to keep a small fruit stand in front of the premises, number One Hundred and Eighty-two Chatham-street, the property owners, the same to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was concurred in.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Samuel Russell, a disabled soldier, to keep a soda-water stand in Tyron-row, the same to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was concurred in.
Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Frank Symonton to keep a stand for the sale of soda-water on the sidewalk opposite premises number two hundred and seventy Grand-street, until otherwise ordered by the Common Council.
Which was concurred in.
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to H. Millenan to receive and deliver goods in front of their premises, number one hundred and fifty-two West-street, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was concurred in.
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Rev. M. Nicol, Rector of the Church of St. Boniface, for the amount of the annexed bills, being for assessments on their church property, for building sewer in Forty-seventh-street, also paving Second-avenue with trap-block pavement, and charge the same to the account of Donations.
Which was laid over.
An ordinance to divide the Thirteenth Ward into convenient election districts.
Which was laid over.
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Simon Meyer for the sum of two hundred dollars, to be in full compensation for services rendered in addressing affidavits of exemption for firemen from the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight to the present time, the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the appropriation for City Contingencies.
Which was laid over.
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of A. T. Stewart and Company for the amount of the annexed bill on this occasion of the celebration of the recent victories, and charge the same to its appropriate account.
Which was laid over.
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Which was laid over.
Report of Committee on Fire Department, remunerating T. and J. Mowbray for damages sustained by Hook and Ladder Company number eleven.
Which was laid over.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Moore moved that the board do now adjourn.
Which was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, The President, Norton, Flynn, Jeremiah, Brice, Masterson, Farley—8.
Negative—Alderman McKnight—1.
And the President pro tem. announced that the board stood adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

STATED SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13, 1865—3 o'clock P. M.

The board met, pursuant to adjournment, in their chamber, number sixteen City Hall.
Present—James Hayes, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:
Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, Hayes, Koster, Kenney, Brinkman, Brady, Houghtalin, Leavy, McGrath, Green, Lent, Smith, O'Callaghan, Russell, Joyce, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—22.
The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

MOTIONS.

Councilman Lent moved that when the board adjourns it adjourn to meet on the fourteenth instant, at three o'clock P. M.
Which was carried.

PETITIONS.

By Councilman Robinson—
Petition of Patrick Fleming for compensation for loss of horse.
Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTIONS.

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Which was accepted by Councilman Stacom.
Councilman Leavy moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Streets.
Which was carried.
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Resolved, That the name of Ann Welsh, residing at number thirty-four Henry-street, be added to the list of blind persons.
Which was referred to the Comptroller with power.
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Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John J. McCabe to exhibit goods in front of his premises, numbers two hundred and fifty-eight and two hundred and fifty-nine Bowery, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
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Which was carried.
By Councilman Stacom—
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ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st., corner of Irving-place.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, LA FIGLIA DE JAIRE. Characters by Mmes. Carozzi-Zucchi, Mlle. Ortolani, Signors Mazzoleni, Bellini and others.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, LOU GADE. Characters by Messrs. Forrest, J. W. McCullough, J. W. Collier, D. C. Ralton, J. G. Burnett, J. Nunan, J. W. Blaisdell, Rendle, D. H. Ralton, Miss Agnes Perry and Miss Mary Wells.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 15, commencing at 8 o'clock, LOST IN LONDON. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Chas. Fisher, Young, Brown, Pope, Williamson, Miss Madeline Henriques, Miss Fanny Morant, and Miss Kate Barrett.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 15, commencing at 8 o'clock, BABES IN THE WOOD and THE FAT BOY. Characters by Messrs. J. S. Clarke, Chas. Walcot, Jr., John Dyott, J. C. Hanley, Andrews, Bland, Miss Rose Eytinge, Mrs. C. Walcot, Kate Morton, Miss Andrews and others.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE DEATH PLANK, LE SOLITAIRE, NORA CREINA, THE ROBBER OF ROME. Characters by Messrs. Grisdale, George Brooks, G. W. Thompson, Lingard, Stanton, Mrs. W. G. Jones, Miss Annie Hyatt.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, MONTE CRISTO: Characters by Messrs. E. L. Davenport, Morton, Hind, Garrison, Lewis, Stoddard, Selwyn, Rockwell, Scott, Stanley; Misses Eliza Newton, Louise Myers and Kate Newton.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome-sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, SAM: Principal characters by Messrs. Chanfrau, Parsloe and others; and Miss Olive Logan.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 15, commencing at 7 o'clock, SINBAD THE SAILOR; OR THE VALLEY OF DIAMONDS: Characters by Mr. G. L. Fox, Miss Fanny Herring. And a capital drama.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS AFTERNOON, Dec. 15, at 3 o'clock, and THIS EVENING at 7½ o'clock, MICHAEL ERLE. Characters by Messrs. Daly, Hadaway, Jamieson, Wilson, Anderson, Mrs. Prior and Mrs. Jamieson. CIRCUS and the Living Curiosities.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS AND HIPPOTHEATRON.
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
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TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE.
No. 201 Bowery, opposite Spring-st.
THIS EVENING, Dec. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, ETHIOPIAN NOVELTIES and the FENIAN'S DREAM.

AMERICAN THEATRE.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. BROWN, of Missouri, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of applying the eight-hour system of labor to government employes. After some debate the resolution was laid over. The remainder of the day was occupied in the delivery of tributes of respect to the memory of the late Senator COLLAMER, of Vermont. Glowing eulogies upon his character and abilities were pronounced by Senators FOOT, HARRIS, JOHNSON, FESSENDEN, and others. Resolutions of respect, introduced by Mr. FOOT, of Vermont, were passed unanimously. The Senate then adjourned till Monday.

In the House several changes in committees were announced by the Speaker. A discussion followed in regard to the holiday adjournment, and a resolution was finally adopted to adjourn (the Senate concurring) from Dec. 20 to Jan. 9. This was carried by a vote of 90 to 57. A bill was passed appropriating $30,000, or so much as may be necessary, to furnish and repair the President's house. This amount was required and was more than the usual amount, which failed to be appropriated during the last session. A bill was also passed appropriating $15,440,000 for the payment of invalid and other pensioners. A bill was reported, and referred to the Committee on the Whole, making appropriations for the support of the West Point Academy for the year ending June 30, 1867. A bill was introduced and referred, providing that the Albany bridge over the Hudson shall be a highway for the purposes authorized by the New-York Legislature, and may be used as a postal route of the United States. A resolution was adopted to print 20,000 copies of Gen. GRANT's report. A resolution was introduced authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase a suitable site for a Custom-house and warehouse in Jersey City, and making an appropriation for the erection of the building. A resolution was offered and passed declaring that treason against the United States Government is a crime and ought to be punished. Eulogies on the late Senator COLLAMER, of Vermont, were pronounced by several gentlemen, after which Congress adjourned till Monday.

GENERAL NEWS.

The order issued by Gen. POPE, ordering a portion of the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry home for dishonorable discharge without a trial, for alleged mutiny in refusing to cross the plains several months since, has received the attention of the War Department, and an order has just been received by Gen. OAKES, ordering him to take no final action in the cases of the men to be sent home until the matter has been investigated and a report forwarded to the War Department. This will give very general satisfaction to the friends of the brave men who have been confined so long on what is believed by many to be an unjust charge.

The President has sent a very complimentary dispatch to Gov. JOHNSON of Georgia, in which he says this government is under special obligations to him for the noble and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as Provisional Governor.

The Georgia Legislature has deferred the election of United States Senators, in the hope that the disabilities of ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS may be removed. JOSHUA HILL will probably be elected a Senator. No inauguration of the Governor elect has yet taken place. The Legislature will take a recess from the 15th instant to the 15th of January. The President's message was read by the Legislature in high spirits, and with hopes of a speedy readmission of Georgia to the Union.

The first treason case, consequent upon the late rebellion, is now being tried in the United States District Court, before Judge TRIGG. The case is The United States *vs.* JOHN S. GAMBLE, who was an enrolling officer under the Confederate Government, in Blount County, East Tennessee. Col. O. P. TEMPLE is counsel for the defendant, and Col. HALL is prosecutor on behalf of the United States. This is the first treason trial since the memorable AARON BURR case.

An order has been issued by the Adjutant-General of Mississippi to the Captains of militia companies recently organized, directing them to disarm the negroes within the radius of their company lines. The order is said to arise from Gov. HUMPHREY, and while it urges the abstinence of all violence in its execution, it directs the employment of "such force as shall be necessary to put down any efforts of resistance on the part of the negroes that may be made."

In the United States District Court, the case of the prize steamer *Selma*, captured by Farragut's fleet during the attack on Mobile, being up, the Judge decided that the vessels which were required to remain outside of Fort Morgan or in Mississippi Sound, were not the actual captors of the prize, and could not participate in the proceeds, which were ordered to be handed over to those that entered the bay.

The corrected returns from the recent Newfoundland elections are coming in, and are favorable to the cause of union among the Provincial Provinces. A large proportion of Confederationists have been returned. Two are put down as distinctly and unequivocally in favor of the Quebec scheme, and sixteen against it and four doubtful.

Brig.-Gen. DELAFIELD, Chief Engineer of the Army of the United States, has been appointed by the President a Major-General by brevet, in the service of the United States, for faithful, meritorious and distinguished services in the Engineer Department during the war.

The Committee of the Home Trade League met in Philadelphia, yesterday. The Chairman, Mr. WM. D. LEWIS, stated that the league was formed in opposition to the Free Trade League lately organized in this city. After some discussion, a declaration of principles was adopted.

The State Senate of Mississippi has passed a resolution repudiating all debts, whether on account of salaries of officers, treasury notes, bills of exchange or otherwise, that were incurred by the State between the 9th day of January, 1861, and the 16th day of October, 1864.

During the recent Indian Summer, prairie fires have swept over various sections of the State of Iowa, doing immense damage to the hay and grain in stacks. In Monona County over 1,000 tons of hay have been burned.

In the Assembly of the Kentucky Legislature, at its session yesterday, resolutions were offered and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, approving the action of the previous Legislature in February last, rejecting the Constitutional Amendment.

Gen. GRANT is again at his headquarters at Washington, but proposes to make another Southern tour within a few weeks, extending his journey as far South as New-Orleans and the different military posts on the Rio Grande.

Gen. GRANT has just issued an order for the dismissal of all civilian employes in the various military departments, except clerks, and to substitute for them detailed men.

Col. FORSYTH, of Mobile, has vacated the Mayoralty chair in favor of Gen. WITHERS, who has taken the oath, but has not been pardoned.

Rev. HENRY W. DUCHACHET, of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, was found dead in his study yesterday morning.

The Constitutional Amendment was ratified by the State of Oregon on the 11th inst., making the twenty-ninth State that has taken similar action.

Two garroters in Boston have been sentenced, one to twenty-five years, the other to twenty years of hard labor.

A bill was introduced, yesterday, in the Senate of the Virginia Legislature, in favor of allowing the freedmen to testify in court.

LOCAL NEWS.

A proceeding in the nature of *habeas corpus*, in the case of ROBERT MARTIN, was brought on yesterday in the Supreme Court, before Justice LEONARD. MARTIN was arrested by the military authorities some time ago, on the charge of having conspired, with one KENNEDY and others, to burn the City of New-York by setting fire to the hotels and other public buildings, in November, 1864. Until quite recently, MARTIN was confined in a prison at Louisville, Ky. About the 27th of November, Major-Gen. HOOKER had instructions to receive the prisoner at Fort Lafayette, to be held there until he could have his trial by a military commission. On Wednesday counsel for MARTIN obtained a writ from one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, which writ was served on Gen. VAN BUREN, at Gen. HOOKER's headquarters, in Bleecker-street, Gen. HOOKER being, as alleged, absent on account of illness. When the case came up in court, objection was made by counsel for the government that a legal service of the writ had not been effected. The court took the same view of the matter, and in refusing to proceed with the investigation, suggested that by the State statute the writ should have been served on the person in charge of Fort Lafayette.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday. Mr. F. A. CONKLING presented resolutions to the effect that a memorial be transmitted to Congress, praying for the passage of a law exempting suitors in the National courts of the Southern States from the operation of the State statutes of limitation, for a period long enough to give loyal creditors an opportunity to enforce their demands. The resolutions were adopted and a committee appointed to carry them into effect. A number of communications were read, among which was one from Judge BOYNTON, of Key West, suggesting that wrecking vessels be sent to the Florida coast, to save a vast amount of property, which would otherwise be lost. A communication was also received from Mr. THOS. W. CONWAY, of the Freedmen's Bureau, stating that he was about to proceed to Europe, to endeavor to induce capitalists to turn their attention to the uncultivated land of the Southern States. Mr. GRINNELL presented a resolution approving of Mr. CONWAY's mission, which was adopted, and the board then adjourned.

The case of the People *vs.* JOHN HACKET, who has been indicted for murder in having caused the death of JOHN GREEN by stabbing, was yesterday commenced in the Oyer and Terminer. The case was conducted on the part of the people by District-Attorney BEDFORD, and the prisoner defended by S. J. STUART, Esq. Considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, and particularly in the medical testimony taken, inasmuch as it was to be determined whether the deceased death was the result of the wound received or of a preëxisting latent disease, which the post-mortem examination discovered. A jury was obtained without much difficulty, and several witnesses examined for the people, after which the prosecution rested, and further consideration of the case adjourned until this morning.

EGISTO DELATORRE, an Italian, was arrested yesterday in Jersey City on a charge of being a dealer in counterfeit United States currency. In his possession were found $2,600 in spurious $50 notes, besides a revolver, dirk-knife and finger-ring with a concealed blade. Last evening another Italian, named ALBARICI SALVATORI, was apprehended as a supposed confederate of certain persons living on Staten Island, who are said to be engaged in making counterfeits of the $50 United States Treasury notes. Both prisoners were committed for examination by United States Commissioner JACKSON.

An interesting discussion took place last evening, at the rooms of the Polytechnic Institute, in the Cooper Institute, regarding the proposed representation of the United States at the great French Exposition at Paris in 1867. Prof. JOY made some explanations, and urged the necessity of prompt and cooperative effort in the movement. Mr. DEBEE, the United States Government Agent, explained the mode of obtaining the necessary space, and the scope of the Exposition was fully explained by those familiar with the scheme.

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Esq., Corporation Counsel elect, delivered a pleasant lecture, last evening, at the Cooper Institute, before a highly respectable audience of about 3,000, for the benefit of the Yorkville Home of the Good Shepherd. Very Reverend Father STARRS presided, and on the platform were many eminent Roman Catholic prelates. The lecture, which was a verbal Christmas picture-gallery, yielded about $1,500.

Last evening the second lecture of the course on the currency, resources and indebtedness of the United States, was delivered at the rooms of the American Geographical and Statistical Society, Clinton Hall, by ED. A. ATKINSON, Esq., of Boston, subject—"Cotton." A long and highly interesting lecture, illustrated by diagram and statistics, and listened to throughout by a large audience of men of science and capitalists, with much pleasure and earnest attention.

An inquest was held in Jersey City, yesterday, on the body of JAMES MCLOON, who died from injuries received by being run over by the cars of the New-Jersey Railroad Company, at the Washington-street crossing in Jersey City. It appeared that MCLOON fell from the platform of one of the cars while intoxicated. The jury censured the railroad company for not having proper persons in their employ to take charge of persons on the cars.

RICHARD WEEKS was held to bail yesterday in the sum of $2,000 by United States Commissioner WHITEHEAD, of Jersey City, to answer a charge of manufacturing counterfeit United States currency. It was shown in evidence that WEEKS frequently visited the forger JERRY COWDEN, while the latter resided in Guttenberg, N. J., and on one occasion took some spurious fractional currency away with him.

The case of MARGARET ZINKE *vs.* The Knickerbocker Stage Company, which was fully reported in our columns on Thursday, was concluded by the jury rendering a verdict of $5,500 for the plaintiff. The court on motion granted an extra allowance of $100. The defendants asked for and obtained twenty days' time to make a case, which is to be heard in the first instance at General Term.

Mr. DOMINICK SICOT, a member of Metropolitan Engine Company No. 4, who was severely injured at a fire at No. 14 Water-street, on the 9th of November, by falling from a roof, died yesterday at the New-York Hospital from the effect of the injuries so received. Coroner GAMBLE held an inquest, when the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

At an adjourned meeting of the Baptist Missionary Union, held yesterday afternoon, it was resolved to accept the care and support of the Swedish Mission, and also to undertake the erection of churches throughout the Union. A report was also presented in favor of reopening the African Mission.

The Fenian excitement yielded little that might be regarded as of public interest yesterday. Several Circles sent in their adhesion to President ROBERTS, and others forwarded resolutions indorsing President O'MAHONY.

The Board of Aldermen met yesterday. An invitation from the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Fire Department to review the companies of the Department, at their annual parade on the 20th inst., was accepted. The resolution of the other board, directing the removal of railroad tracks in Washington and Greenwich streets, was concurred in.

Mr. P. M. D. COLLINS lectured before the Union League Club, last evening, on the subject of a telegraph connecting the United States with Russia. Señor MCKENNA also made a few remarks on the subject of telegraphs in Chili.

The Board of Councilmen met yesterday, and concurred in the ordinance making additional appropriations for the current year.

JAMES HUGHES, who is charged with defrauding recruits of their bounty money, was yesterday committed to the Essex County, N. J., Jail, in default of $30,000 bail.

There was another large business in Government Stocks, yesterday, at advancing prices. The Railways were lower than on Wednesday, but active at the Stock Exchange. Gold advanced to 146, while bills on London were less firm than the day before.

Domestic Produce was in more request yesterday. Cotton and Breadstuffs were dearer. Foreign merchandise was in limited demand and depressed in price. The freight market was active.

Congress—The Christmas Recess—Members and their Constituents.

The Congressional recess of three weeks—from the 20th inst. to the 9th of January—may be profitably employed. The action of both Houses, thus far, on the vital question of the readmission of the lately insurgent States has not assumed a definite or decided form. It has rather been—and we think very wisely—of a tentative character. This is due in part, no doubt, to the fear of a precipitate decision in favor of the claims of Southern delegates, which led to the appointment of the special committee on these claims; and partly also, to the strong desire of conservative Republicans, while dealing liberally by the claimants, to secure some guarantee for the loyal fulfillment of all the conditions of the President's plan of reconstruction.

There may have been unnecessary eagerness on the part of the prime movers of the resolution for the appointment of the joint committee of fifteen. But the form into which that resolution has been moulded by the Senate, (promptly adopted as it has been in its amended shape by the original proposer,) shows that the common object is not to lay down an arbitrary and exclusive policy in dealing with the Southern delegations, but to *try* the safest and most feasible parliamentary method of dealing with election cases entirely new in the history of the National Legislature—cases to which no precedent applies, and the equitable settlement of which can only be reached by just such a *tentative* and cautious policy as the majority of both Houses have resolved upon.

It is in view especially of this novel and perplexing feature in the business of the session, that we think it especially satisfactory that the Christmas recess will be of sufficient duration to enable members generally to consult with their constituents. What advice they will receive will depend, in part, on the latitudes from which they hail. But we venture to think—looking to the great aggregate of opinions which centre, or are reproduced in a great metropolis like this—that the general sentiment among the most loyal and most intelligent citizens, is that there is little to fear for the North or for the South, for sections of the country or for the entire republic, for the freedmen or for those with whom the freedmen must live, and on whom they must still measurably depend, if Congress and the Congressional committees *should* make the President's conditions of reconstruction the conditions of admission to all the delegations whose credentials are otherwise sound.

There is, unquestionably, among really loyal men outside of Congress, no difference of opinion as to the justice and policy of not rushing frantically into the embraces of the Representatives of the States that voluntarily resigned their title to national representation nearly five years ago. There is a general desire that the claims of each State delegation should be dealt with aside from anything like mere sentiment or impulse; that the decision reached should be calmly judicial; and that it should be seen to that every condition, at least, of the President's proclamations and the accompanying instructions to the Provisional Governors, be fulfilled. But along with these convictions there is in the public mind a strong and all but universal feeling—as Mr. BEECHER expressed it the other day in Washington—that "*reconstruction cannot be obtained one hour too soon*, if it be thorough." There are factions that dissent from even this temperate view of the situation, and that hold that, under any contingencies, there should not be any early response to the appeal of the South for a restoration to its political inheritance. But among no great practical industrial class—in East, West, North or Middle States—is this view even tolerated for a moment. The economical, as well as the (so-called) humanitarian view of the case, occupies the mind of every thoughtful and *responsible* member of the community. If we had all the disposition to dispense local government from a central point to the inhabitants of every parish of the South from the Rappahannock to the Red River, we could only afford the luxury of such a concentration of power for a very comparatively short period. A limited army might carry out our behests for a time—as long, perhaps, as the people we undertook to govern regarded the arrangement as provisional. But to make the centralization of authority permanent, the army on Mr. STANTON's rolls in May last would barely suffice. A condition of administration, provisional in its character, moreover, ought not, in the very nature of things, to be of long endurance. The very application of such an expedient of administration implies the existence, in the community wherein the application is made, of the essential requisites of a permanent structure of government. If there is not the material in the constituent body of the separate States to supply credentials for the Representatives sent to Congress, then their endowment with a Provisional Government becomes in a measure a farce; and it were better at once to put such States into the category of provinces, and place them under a permanent military administration. If, on the other hand, the nomination of a Provisional Government implies that there is a constituent body in the separate States recently in insurrection, which is entitled to national representation, we weaken the national authority, we embarrass the Executive, and we aggravate the public burdens, by every hour's delay beyond what is absolutely necessary for securing a loyal conformity on the part of the South, to the President's proclamations, and the contingent enactments on which these proclamations are based. These, we take it, are some of the views which members will find prevalent among their constituents, if they consult them during the Christmas recess.

Standing Armies—Soldiers in Europe and America.

The European journals do not cease to express their astonishment at the reduction of our armies, which has been in progress for the last half year, and which has not yet ceased. It is a spectacle so novel to them and so unexpected—it is a thing the like of which is so impossible of accomplishment by any one of them, that they discuss it with a greater interest than they gave to the creation and growth of our army or its achievements during the war. The great armies of the six chief Powers of Europe, (including Italy,) and the proportionally large armies of the minor Powers, are permanent parts of their being, and fundamental elements of their existence. Not one of them could be dissolved as ours has been, without a dissolution of the State. In each of these countries there are mighty masses of revolutionists—not, perhaps, democratic, or of any style of politics—but degraded, wretched, blind, uneasy masses, enemies upon instinct of the existing order of things—dark and grim masses such as were vomited up from the subterranean regions of Paris during the first French Revolution, and of which CARLYLE gives such vivid and terrible descriptions. These vast masses of savagery are permanent parts of every European nation. Centuries pass away, and they change not. Science advances, education extends, reforms are inaugurated, governments and institutions are modified or abolished, but the mudsills of European society remain mudsills forever. Did not every government retain an enormous army to keep them in check, they would burst from their lairs and deluge the continent in blood. Nothing keeps them from it but fear, and a consciousness of the hopelessness of any struggle they might make. No other argument can be used upon them by their masters, and it will never be otherwise until freedom and education are extended to them, and slowly elevate them to the conception and character of manhood.

Even were this all, and on this account alone, it would still be necessary for every European nation to retain a great part of its able-bodied population as a standing army. But it is rendered still further necessary by the relations of each of these Powers toward the others, or toward some one of the others. The sum of all the statesmanship of Europe—the grand result of all the governing and administrative ability, which we are told on some hands exists so abundantly there, is, and has been for centuries, that some dozen Christian nations, existing side by side, compactly and upon a limited territory, are compelled to keep, in the aggregate, something like three millions of men under arms, for the purpose nominally of resisting the aggressions of each other. They stand ever ready for quarrel and war one with the other, and are always so closely on the alert that it seems no one has the prospect of safety for an hour. So it has been through the generations—so it still continues to be—and so it must be until truer ideas of government, and of the normal relations of nations and of humanity in general prevail.

Those brought up in Europe, and who can conceive no other condition of political life and civilized society than there exists, are not only completely at a loss to comprehend such a fact as the sudden dissolution of our enormous army, but cannot understand the governmental institutions, the social forms and the conditions of humanity which make such [a marvelous circumstance possible. Those who knew anything at all about us before the war, fancied the United States as a number of loose communities devoted to the raising of cotton and corn, and trafficking in the commodities of life. But when they learned during the war that we were a well-compacted nation, of military instincts and positive politics—when they saw that we had an army larger than that of any one of them, they at once concluded that we had got "civilized," after their fashion, and that great armies and wars would henceforth be permanent institutions with us as with them. They imagined that as our government had got all the "peasants" of the agricultural districts and all the degraded masses of the cities consolidated into an army, it would be as perilous or impossible for us to disband our troops as for them to disband theirs. They have not, and appear incapable of obtaining, any conception of free and orderly democracy, of governmental republicanism, of a people all educated, and thoroughly and patriotically attached to their political institutions—of States in which there is no "mob" that could become dominant, and no "peasantry," in their sense of the term—of a community which is always warlike, and can always, upon necessity, raise large armies, yet which is always peaceably disposed, and firmly opposed to large standing armies, because it has no use for them, and accounts them only as a disgrace. The whole of the institutions of America, and the entire character of the American people, are impenetrable mysteries to them, as appears from their speculations upon this very subject, and their attempts to fathom the purpose, bearings and results of our action.

A perusal of the report of Secretary STANTON may not help them much in getting at the philosophy of the matter—in fact, we do not think it possible for them to grasp its philosophy at all—but it will furnish to them some facts that may be of interest to them in the present and in the future. It will give them statistics as to the raising of our army, statistics as to its disbandment, and facts as to the facility with which another army of equal magnitude could be again put in the field. After perusing it, they will not conclude that our military effort was spasmodic, or that our military dissolution is unnatural. It will display to them very little which can be imitated by any European power in the current generation, but it will show what mighty marches the nations of Europe must make before they reach the advanced freedom and civilization of the United States.

The Jamaica Riot—The British Government and the Colonial Officials.

In the last European mail we have the report of a speech by Mr. BRIGHT, in which he expresses the belief that the Jamaica officials will be brought to trial in England for their summary proceedings in the case of the Jamaica rioters.

The more the conduct of these colonial officials toward the rioters is made public, the more unjustifiable it appears. We say rioters, for there is no shadow of evidence that what was called an "insurrection," is really anything more than a kind of bread-riot, made by very poor and ignorant people. As a riot, it did not approach in danger or passion to our New-York riots, three years ago. And yet British soldiers have been hunting down miserable negroes, suspected of the slightest sympathy with the rioters, lashing them and hanging them, without trial or evidence.

To increase the horror of these proceedings, the wild savages of the island have been put on the trail of the fugitives, whom they will certainly slaughter without mercy. But the act of greatest atrocity has been committed against a respectable citizen, who had been a kind of leader of the blacks in the legislative body, Mr. GORDON. This man was not a negro, but a very light mulatto, a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Legislature. He is admitted, even in the English Tory press, to have been a most exemplary citizen, very benevolent to the poor and a member of a Christian Church. He was not near the scene of the riot, and had nothing to do with the outbreak. But his offence consisted in having written in last March, to Mr. CARDWELL, Secretary of State for the Colonies, a letter of protest against the mode of government of the island by the former planters, urging in the most temperate manner that the poor peasantry were ground down by excessive taxation; that the "Whipping Act" degraded them; that certain improvements, such as a "ship-dock" and other public works, were adding to the burdens of the people, and that bad administration was beggaring the island. It was such a letter as any public man in any constitutional country ought to write in the interests of his constituents. There is not a word in it of a rebellious or revolutionary nature. Mr. CARDWELL, after some interval, sent the letter to the Governor of the island for consideration. Gov. EYRE had copies of it forwarded to all the interior parishes, in order to expose to the planters the machinations of their enemy. In this way the people came to know of it, and, it is alleged, were excited by it, though it is very evident that they had wrongs enough to arouse them, without supposing that this calm financial letter could have had any great effect.

Mr. GORDON, who was outside of the district where the riot had burst forth and where martial law had prevailed, was arrested on Saturday night, brought over to the scene of the disturbance, and on Monday morning was tried by court-martial, and executed, amid the tears of great numbers of his friends—the only evidence, so far as appears, being the letter he had written to Mr. CARDWELL, and the real cause being, without doubt, the jealousy and hatred of the planting interests of a leader of the blacks.

Another cause of the riot is alleged by Gov. EYRE to be a letter by Rev. Dr. UNDERHILL, Secretary of the Baptist Missions, also to Mr. CARDWELL, on the economical and administrative difficulties of the island—a calm, statesmanlike, financial discussion of the abuses of the planting administration, confirming much of what GORDON had said, and making the case still stronger against the planters.

The whole proceedings of the British officials in this matter are a disgrace to a civilized nation.

There is no evidence of anything more than a riot, and yet poor people miles away are shot, whipped, hung, hunted by savages, and the leaders of the peasantry—men of loyalty and character—hung on the smallest pretext.

We are glad to see that the old English sense of justice and fair play is burning up in a fierce flame against such tyranny.

Again is England dividing on this question, as she did on the American. The working masses, the Liberals and Reformers and their organs have taken up the cause of the abused Jamaican peasantry, while the school which the *Times* represents is defending the planters and the officials. Whatever Englishmen may boast of their sacrifices in behalf of emancipation, it is very clear that a large portion of English society were, during our war and are now at heart, friends of slavery; and they divide now, according as their sympathies are on this question.

AN EXTRAORDINARY FALL.—We see that the pastor of Plymouth Church has been making another of his stirring addresses in the House of Representatives; that he took bold ground at the same time for the dignity and rights of manhood, and for that speedy return to the normal condition of things in government and society, which the best interests of all classes seem so clearly to demand; and that his utterances elicited the usual tribute of "sensation" and "applause."

New times these, when HENRY WARD BEECHER is lecturing in the House of Representatives, and when his hearers are debating with themselves whether he is not a *little* too conservative; and when the telegraph announces that the Radicals are next to have *their* say; and then specifies under that category two old politicians, and a United States dragoon, educated at West Point! And not the least noticeable thing about it is, that it was only the other day that a leading radical from his place in this very House of Representatives, announced to the world "the remarkable *fall*" of the eccentric and eloquent divine. "Remarkable," indeed! If the veteran representative witnessed, (as he probably did,) on Wednesday night, the performance of his prostrate orator, he must have acknowledged that the expletive he had employed was "better than he knew."

We have had the fall of the Plymouth Puritan announced before, quite frequently, by those who find it vexatiously difficult to mold him to their purpose; but the symptoms of that state of things are not yet apparent. At least, the man has a convenient fashion of falling on his feet. But when he *does* fall, it will not be necessary even for Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS to raise his monitory howl; we shall all know it, and "stand from under."

THE AGE OF BRASS.—It is announced that Mr. H. M. FAY, whose name has been familiar of late to the public, as a sharer in the renown, the obloquy, and the profits of the "Davenport Brothers," is inviting that same public to the Cooper Institute, to see "all the tricks, feats, and 'strange phenomena' performed by" that remarkable company, "reproduced through their former partner and confederate, upon the open stage, in bright gas-light." Surely, since the days when old Mathews immortalized "my brother Hassan," who "took a lighted candle and jumped down his ain throat," nothing has equaled the astounding suddenness and thoroughness of this flip-flap. Well may the delighted admiration of the observer be challenged (as it is in the advertisement) for the "adroitness and skill which *years of steady practice* has given Mr. FAY," in cheating the public.

This latest development in the department of jugglery raises the interesting question, whether we are just entering upon an epoch when humbug, like murder, is elevated into a fine art; when notorious cheats write autobiographies to glorify themselves and their profession; and when the wayfarer is expected not only to resign his pocket-book to the *chevalier d'industrie* with equanimity, but to yield a tribute of praise for the grace and skill with which it has been abstracted. We shall soon expect to be invited to a lecture by an eminent pick-pocket and burglar of high standing, and an experience of many years in his profession, who will illustrate his discourse with a manual exercise in the adroit conveyance of "wipes," and the proper application of files, jimmies and skeleton keys—to witness the skill of the manipulator, acquired in a long period of public service, being declared fully worth the price of admission.

However, people love to be humbugged, as Mawworm did to be "parsecuted," and the hall of the Cooper Institute will be crowded, and the challenged "admiration" will be forthcoming, of course. We trust, however, that the gaping assembly will not fail to appreciate one obvious aspect of the case, to wit: that dexterity of the operator, surpassing all his skill with the ring, the coat and the ropes—which consists in first making money by an elaborate fooling of the public, and then levying new contributions upon them by proving that he fooled them!

COLLECTION OF DEBTS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES.—We are disposed to doubt both the policy and the wisdom of the following resolution which was passed yesterday at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and which reads thus:

Resolved, That a memorial be presented to Congress, praying for the passage of a law exempting suitors in the National courts of the Southern States from the operation of the statute of limitation, for a period long enough to give legal creditors an opportunity to enforce their demands.

Aside from the question of the constitutional power of Congress to pass such a law as is herein prayed for, there are other considerations not unworthy some thought. *Ex-post facto* legislation is dangerous in principle. The debts owing to the North by Southern merchants prior to the war were confiscated by the government. Nevertheless, a large class of honest traders at the South are to-day doing their best to redeem their credit here by paying up old scores, although in almost every instance the debt is canceled by the statutes of limitations in the different States. We do not believe that any large class of the mercantile community here will approve of this memorial of the Chamber of Commerce. What is much more needed is a general bankrupt law, which would enable thousands of honest men, made insolvent by the war, to recommence business, and employ their energies and enterprise anew in some branch of our national industry.

An English View of America.

Hon. ARTHUR KINNAIRD, M. P., one of the English capitalists who accompanied Sir MORTON PETO to this country, addressed a letter to his constituents, (he represents Perthshire, Scotland,) of which the following is an extract:

SIR: Having lately returned from a tour in the United States, and when there, having visited Washington, where I had the pleasure of being introduced to the President, and other members of the Cabinet, and of personal private intercourse with Mr. SEWARD, I am anxious, through your columns, to convey to my friends in Scotland some of the impressions made upon me by my visit. I retain a most pleasant recollection of what I saw and heard during my extensive, though very rapid, tour. The frankness and perfect openness among public men, even those high in office, give one great facilities for learning the true state of public affairs. The politics of the New World are not entangled with endless complications; and the policy of the United States is very simple and comprehensible. Much as I had heard of the prodigious resources of the country, the reality far surpassed my expectations. The growth of cities like St Louis and Chicago is wonderful, while the cities of yesterday in Petroleum, so graphically described in the correspondence of our leading journal, are the signs of fabulous wealth. On the other hand, the immediate absorption of an army of 800,000 men into the productive population of the country, is a fact of such striking import that it conveys a feeling of astonishment, even to a passing traveler. Even the Generals lay down the sword, and turn to peaceful occupations. I was present at Washington at a reception of Southern gentlemen given by Mr. SEWARD; and it is my conviction, though I have not visited the South, that speedily all traces of the war will be effaced. I only anxiously hope that, in the final reconstruction of the States lately in rebellion, the colored population will, no doubt, eventually be admitted to the franchise on an educational qualification, similar to that required in some cases of the white race.

I found a deep and prevailing sentiment existing that this country had been wanting in sympathy during the war. But this very feeling of soreness, I believe, owes its origin to the depth of their regard for the old country. I was glad to find Mr. SEWARD so far recovered from his wounds as to be able to conduct his business with his wonted vigor; and the kind reception I met with from him, and from the President, convince me, that whatever may be their political attitude toward England, they are actuated by feelings of cordiality and good will. In the questions of international law which have now to be settled between us, I trust that a spirit of conciliation on both sides will prevail. A heavy responsibility would rest on any government which, for want of this, should embroil the two countries, which are united in language, literature and religion.

I trust that, though the Atlantic rolls between us, harmony and good understanding will be promoted by more frequent personal intercourse between the two countries. Often have I heard the wish expressed that this might be the case; and the facilities afforded by the Cunard line of steamers from Liverpool make the passage so easy that the realization of this wish on our part is within the reach of a large number of travelers.

I left America with a grateful sense of the kindness I received, and fully convinced that a prosperous future is before her. Soon may it be as universally true in the United States as it is in the British Empire, that to tread their soil is to be free, and God will give them His blessing.

I am, Sir, your faithful servant,
A. KINNAIRD.

No. 1 Pall Mall East, 31st October, 1865.

NEW BOOKS.

HISTORY OF THE RISE AND INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF RATIONALISM IN EUROPE. By W. E. H. LECKY, M. A. In 2 vols., post 8v

Smith's last work, its spirit is there, glowing in every line of the richly wrought word pictures of the varying hues of sky and cloud-land—the stern and austere face of nature in the western highlands, and isles of the sea, storm-beaten by the unbroken waves that roll across the breadth of the Atlantic from Greenland and Labrador—and the curious diversities of human character conspicuous in all their individuality in a secluded and primitive region. Mr. SMITH is an admirable traveling companion, not by reason of dry guide-book details, but by the power possessed by the genuine poet of seeing the spirit of the scene and translating it into a language that all can recognize the exquisite appropriateness of, though none but a poet and seer could have so interpreted it. We hope to meet Mr. SMITH again as a tourist in his native country. He has the true feeling of a Scotchman to whom the dust of his fatherland is more precious than the gold of Ophir or California.

THE LOVE-LIFE OF DR. KANE. Containing the Correspondence and History of the Acquaintance, Engagement and Secret Marriage between ELISHA K. KANE and MARGARET FOX, with fac-similes of letters and her portrait. 12mo. New-York: G. W. CARLETON.

Though the circumstances explained in the preface may afford some slight ground for the publication of these papers, we must still regard it as an intrusion of private matters before that many-headed monster, the Public—the last body in the world that should be selected to exercise the functions of a court of appeal for the redress of individual grievances. The sensational title of the book may convey to some an unfavorable idea of its contents, but there is nothing in it that either party concerned need be ashamed of. The letters of Dr. KANE are full of the open-hearted, generous enthusiasm that might be expected from the heroic mould of his character. Had his valuable life been able to recruit its overtasked energies, these ardent expressions of confiding affection would never, of course, have been the light, to which they are produced as a means of explaining the position of the lady to whom they are addressed, and who was bound up in the inner life of one whose memory all nations delight to honor.

OUR-CROPPINGS—BEING SELECTIONS OF CALIFORNIA VERSE. 1 vol., square 12mo. San Francisco and New-York: A. Roman & Co.

This little volume is a genuine and unexceptionable witness to the spread and diffusion of intellectual cultivation in a region that might well claim a lenient judgment in matters of taste and literature, were any such indulgence necessary. So far different is the case that few miscellaneous collections of poetry attain to a higher average degree of merit than the present elegantly printed little volume. Many of the pieces it contains have gone the rounds of the newspapers in utter unconsciousness of the source from whence they emanated. A little more "local color" might be desirable in the poems, but it must be recollected that scarcely any of the writers can have been born in California, and they undoubtedly carried with them to the land of their adoption the tastes and habits derived from the region of their birth. We hope that Messrs. ROMAN may find encouragement sufficient to bring out an annual volume of "Out-croppings."

Amusements.

L'AFRICAINE IN BROOKLYN.—There never was an operatic occasion of so decided and wide-spread popular interest in the City of Brooklyn as on the production of L'Africaine last night. Every seat in the house was sold a week ago, and the office has been besieged daily by hundreds of disappointed expectants. The appearance of the house was superb. Brooklyn and New-York—for there were scores of our "New-York regulars" in attendance—competed in elegance of toilette, and from parquette to amphitheatre a display of beauty and taste, such as we have never seen before, adorned and graced the auditorium. It was not to be expected that MARETZEK could produce the opera with an ensemble so perfect as that which made its production here so memorable in operatic annals, but it is due to him to say that, inspired by the liberal patronage and enthusiasm of the subscribers, he determined and succeeded in making the effect as grand and imposing in every sense as it was at the New-York house.

There were no notable differences, so far as the artists were concerned, between the performances here and at Brooklyn, save that stimulated by a tremendous audience. They one and all exerted themselves to the utmost and richly deserved the liberal applause and commendation of the people. The ship was set and worked admirably and at the close of the act the principal artists were called out twice, the curtain being raised twice on the tableau. As a whole the performance was a great success—a tremendous success, and fitly closed a season of unprecedented popularity and prosperity.

A second season will commence in February, and the list is already more than half filled.

"L'Africaine" will be given to-night and at a matinée to-morrow.

LOUISIANA.

The White Militia Without Arms—Ill Feeling Said to be Excited Among the Negroes by Whites—A Government Cotton Agent Protected by the Military from Arrest.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

A number of the Louisiana country newspapers, state that the white military organizations under the Governor's orders cannot be effective to much of an extent as they have no arms.

In some of the parishes, Terre Bonne and Natchitoches, for example, the negroes are evil-disposed toward the whites, and the papers charge that evil-disposed white persons are at the bottom of this state of things.

In the Parish of Natchitoches the papers say that it is evident to all that the militia of the State must be organized and armed soon, to afford the necessary protection to the whites.

The course of the military authorities in interfering by force of arms to protect a government cotton agent—charged before the State Court with stealing cotton—from arrest by the Sheriff, has been approved by Gen. CANBY. Only the Sheriff's account of the affair has been published.

KENTUCKY.

Legislative Proceedings—Action of the Assembly in Opposition to the Constitutional Amendment.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Friday, Dec. 14, 1865.

In the House of the Kentucky Legislature, Mr. YOUNG offered resolutions, (that were ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations,) that the Assembly heartily approve the action of the last General Assembly, in rejecting the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and believe that vote to be a finality; and that this Assembly has no right or authority to consider or vote upon this measure, until it shall be again passed or proposed by Congress.

OREGON.

The Constitutional Amendment Ratified by the State Legislature.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 14.

Secretary SEWARD to-day received the following telegram addressed to him by SAMUEL E. MAY, Secretary of State of Oregon:

"SALEM, Oregon, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1865.

"Oregon ratified the Anti-slavery Amendment to the Constitution of the United States yesterday. Glory to God!"

The Remains of Jonathan Gillett Discovered.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Thursday, Dec. 14.

The remains of JONATHAN GILLETT, formerly of the firm of WRIGHT, GILLETT & RAWSON, of New-York, and more recently of this city, who mysteriously disappeared three years ago, have been found here, under circumstances which leave no doubt of his having been murdered. The Mayor offers $1,000 reward for the apprehension of the murderers.

Death of Col. Barstow—Snow Storm in Kansas.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, Dec. 14.

Col. BARSTOW, of the Third Wisconsin Cavalry, formerly Governor of Wisconsin, died at Leavenworth, Kansas, yesterday.

Several inches of snow has fallen in Northern Kansas and Southern Nebraska.

One thousand bales of cotton passed Cairo to-day for points on the Ohio River, and 200 bales for this place.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Dec. 14.

Reports from the Humboldt oil wells are very encouraging and present the best prospects, though they are not yet sunk deep enough to settle the question whether they will pay.

Fire at Madison, Wis.

MADISON, Wis., Thursday, Dec. 14.

The City Hotel was burned this morning. Loss $25,000; insured for $15,000.

From Virginia—The Case of Jeff. Davis.

RICHMOND, Va., Thursday, Dec. 14.

The resolution in reference to the pardon of JEFFERSON DAVIS was taken up to-day in the House of Delegates.

Mr. STEARNS offered a substitute, earnestly recommending pardon for all political prisoners, believing that the prosperity and happiness of the country will be promoted thereby.

Mr. JONES opposed the consideration of the subject, as it would launch the House into the troubled sea of Federal politics.

On his motion the whole subject was laid on the table.

From Wilmington—Death of Mr. James Fulton.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Thursday, Dec. 13.

JAMES FULTON, editor of the Wilmington *Journal*, died to-day. He was one of the most prominent editors in the State.

A heavy storm prevails outside.

Arrived, steamer *Cumberland*, New-York; schooner *H. C. Johnson*, New-York.

Cleared, steamer *Commander*, W. P. CLYDE, for New-York; schooner *Concord*, for New-York.

THE FENIANS.

Finances of the Brotherhood—Little Business Transacted by the Senate Yesterday—Action of the Circles Here and Elsewhere.

The Fenian Financial Secretary's statement for the seven weeks preceding the 28th of October, which was published in detail yesterday morning, shows that from the 10th of September to the 29th of October, the Union-square authorities received from subordinate circles the large sum of $120,650 22. The list embraces contributions ranging between 20 cents and $7,000, the former sum from an individual, and the latter from the State Centre of California. The largest contributor is, according to the report, Chicago. She gave $13,200; California gave $10,000; St. Louis, $9,100, and thirty-four cities and towns in every part of the United States and Canadas contributed upward of $500 each. These figures, however, are not by any means indicative of the strength of the Brotherhood in the places whence the money came; for only in a few instances do they exhibit more than a mere installment of moneys due on the "final call."

This "final call" was a demand by the President for $20 from every member of the Brotherhood, the money to be used in fitting out an expedition to strike the first blow. The call was for $20 over and above any former indebtedness on prior calls or on monthly dues. It was to supply the money that should poison the minds of the Irishmen who form so large a part of the British home army, and the aggregate was presumed to be ample for the liberation of Ireland. The call was made at about the date of the extraordinary session of the Fenian Congress, in Philadelphia, in September last, and for three months previous to that time, we are told, the Treasurer was in the receipt of about $50,000 weekly. But as no public report has been made of any moneys which were contributed previous to September, we can make no estimate of the capital that the Brotherhood have in hand. An approximate estimate of the probable response to the "final call" may be made from the official report of the Fenian Corresponding Secretary, showing that in the United States there were on the 28th of October six hundred and thirteen circles, that are estimated to have an average membership of three hundred persons each. The report, for obvious reasons, omits mention of the many circles that flourish in the British Provinces; but we may safely say that the number in Her Majesty's dominions will bring the aggregate up to seven hundred circles in North America. This gives the Brotherhood 210,000 members here; and if each sends in the required $20, the Secretary (or Secretaries,) of the Treasury will soon have $4,200,000 in addition to whatever fund they may now control.

The following list of State Centres, as far as they have been reported, with the number of circles in each State or district, may be interesting as showing whence this vast sum of money is to come:

Number.	NAME OF DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF CIRCLES.	NAME OF S. C.
1	Manhattan*	42	James J. Rogers.
2	New-York	56	D. O'Sullivan.
3	Connecticut	36	John W. Murphy.
4	Rhode Island	16	Not yet reported.
5	Shawmut†	35	Capt. John M. Tobin.
6	Massachusetts	77	Maj. M. S. McConville.
7	Maine	9	D. O'C. O'Donohue.
8	New-Hampshire	17	Not yet reported.
9	Vermont	6	Capt. John Lonergan.
10	New-Jersey	16	John Eagan.
11	Philadelphia	9	Andrew Wynne.
12	Pennsylvania	39	Not yet reported.
13	Delaware	1	Not yet reported.
14	District of Columbia	7	Richard Oulahan.
15	Maryland	1	Not yet reported.
16	Ohio	35	Thomas Lavan.
17	Michigan	19	Lawrence Verdon.
18	Minnesota	2	Not yet reported.
19	Kentucky	12	Not yet reported.
20	Wisconsin	10	J. W. Carney.
21	Chicago	11	Not yet reported.
22	Illinois	47	Thomas Haire.
23	Missouri	15	J. P. McGrath.
24	Iowa	11	P. A. Ward.
25	Indiana	30	Not yet reported.
26	Kansas	6	William Jackson.
27	Tennessee	3	Martin Kerrigan.
28	Virginia	1	Sec. Civil Affairs, Acting.
29	The Carolinas	1	Sec. Civil Affairs, Acting.
30	The Gulf	1	Sec. Civil Affairs, Acting.
31	Arkansas	1	William Moran.
32	California	30	Jeremiah Kavanagh.
33	Oregon	2	Steph. J. McCormick.
34	Montana	2	Andrew O'Donnell.
35	West Indies	1	Patricio Shiels.
36	U. S. Army and Navy.	7	Sec. Civil Affairs, Acting.
37	British Provinces	.....	.....

* Manhattan District embraces New-York City, Brooklyn, Williamsburgh, Greenpoint, Westchester County, Staten Island, and other places in the immediate neighborhood of New-York City.

† Shawmut embraces Boston and the suburbs within ten miles' radius of the State-house.

The TIMES has no space for the scandal that was afloat among both the Roberts and the O'Mahony men about town yesterday, and can barely find room to note the adhesion of Tara Circle, of Hoboken, Mr. JOHN MCCLOSKY, Centre; the Tara Circle, of Brooklyn, Capt. B. P. MURPHY, Centre, to President WM. R. ROBERTS, and of circles in West Cambridge, Mass.; Detroit, Mich.; Gloucester, N. J.; Jersey City, N. J., and Bristol, R. I., to President JOHN O'MAHONY.

Little business beyond the reading and answering of letters was transacted by the Senate yesterday. Mr. J. J. GEARY, Corresponding Secretary of the Fenian Brotherhood, acting under President ROBERTS' advice, has published a card inquiring by what authority the representatives here of the Irish Republican Brotherhood act, and which of President O'MAHONY's policies they indorse. Mr. GEARY furthermore declines to hold further correspondence, and cautions his fellow-countrymen in America to "judge in future of facts and not assertions."

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Interesting Communications—The Development of the South—Rev. Mr. Conway's Mission to England Indorsed—The Statute of Limitation.

The Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting yesterday, A. A. LOW, Esq., presiding. On motion of GEO. OPDYKE, Esq., the memorial of naval officers soliciting the action of the Chamber in the matter of their relief from present grievances arising out of the lessened value of their pay, owing to the depreciation of the currency, was referred to a special committee.

A communication from ALANSON PERFIELD, Esq., on the subject of cotton-growing in the Southern States; also a number of communications from the Boston Board of Trade, were referred to the Executive Committee.

A letter from W. BARNES, Esq., Superintendent of Insurance, a communication from the President, FERDINAND DE LESSEPS, of the Universal Company of Canal of Suez, and a letter of thanks from CHAS. H. MARSHALL, Esq., for the tribute paid to the memory of his father by the Chamber, were ordered to be filed.

On motion of PROSPER M. WETMORE, the last-named communication was ordered to be placed upon the minutes.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco, Cal., correcting the exaggerated reports which were current as to the amount of damage done by the late shock of earthquake; which was also ordered to be filed.

A communication received from THOS. T. BOYNTON, Esq., Governor of Florida, calling for some mode of protecting vessels driven on shore along the coast of Florida, and suggesting that a steamer for that purpose, was referred to the Executive Committee for their action.

A letter was then read from THOMAS W. CONWAY, Esq., late of the Freedmen's Bureau, who proposes to visit England to enlist the interests of capitalists there in the development of the extensive untilled cotton lands of the Southern States. The letter of Mr. CONWAY solicited the countenance of the Chamber to his proposed visit to Europe was indorsed by a communication from W. L. BURT, Esq., of the staff of Gov. ANDREW.

On the motion of MOSES GAFFNELL, Esq., introducing Mr. CONWAY in complimentary terms, seconded by Mr. WETMORE, the board expressed their pleasure in giving public sanction and assistance to Mr. CONWAY, and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the inability of planters in the Southern States, especially those known as the Cotton States, to cultivate their lands, and give satisfactory employment to millions of freedmen recently held as slaves, and in view of the great benefit which will result to all parts of the nation and the world would the cotton-growing industry of the South be speedily revived, this Chamber most cordially approves of the recommended mission of Mr. THOS. W. CONWAY, late Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Freedmen, in the State of Louisiana, having as its object the introduction of capital and enterprise into that section of our country.

In the absence of Hon. F. CONKLING, now in Washington, the following resolutions were then read by the Secretary:

Resolved, That statutes of limitation to suits on contracts are reconcilable with justice only on the supposition that the parties have had opportunity to enforce their claims through the usual courts of justice, and inasmuch as, during the late civil war, it has been impossible for loyal creditors to take any measures to collect their debts in the Southern States by any civil proceedings whatever, justice requires that all the period of the rebellion should be excepted from the time fixed for the limitation of action in those States.

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States over cases between citizens of different States was conferred by the constitution to secure justice, where the courts of the States might, for any cause, be considered as possibly partial, prejudicial, or inaccessible, and that the present time exhibits a striking illustration of the wisdom of such a provision, and at the same time, shows its ineffectual character, if by statutes of limitation the States can render the jurisdiction practically nugatory.

Resolved, That a memorial be presented to Congress, praying for the passage of a law exempting suitors in the national courts of the United States from the operation of the statutes of limitation for a period long enough to give legal creditors an opportunity to enforce their demands.

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed by the President, to carry out the object of the foregoing resolutions.

After the reading of the foregoing, on motion to that effect, a special committee was appointed by the President in furtherance of the objects of the resolution. The following gentlemen were named as members of the committee:

F. A. CONKLING, A. W. BRADFORD, GEO. OPDYKE, G. C. COUDERT, J. A. STEVENS.

The following communication was then read, and the portrait of President CAREW unveiled, and the Chamber adjourned:

GENTLEMEN: It is my agreeable duty this morning to offer to your acceptance a further addition to the picture gallery of the chamber in the accompanying portrait of Mr. ISAAC CAREW, its President from 1840 to 1843. The fund to obtain this picture was subscribed for by the gentlemen members of the chamber, whose names are annexed and in whose behalf I beg leave to tender it: James Bowman, Samuel Marsh, Charles Butler, Ford. Lawrence, Robt. B. Minturn, Adam Norrie, Joseph Sampson, Henry C. Deckham, F. S. Winston, William H. Aspinwall, Chas. H. Marshall, R. A. Willmarth, G. Merlin, Benj. Aymar, Benj. B. Sherman, M. O. Roberts, John H. Brown, Theodore Victor, C. V. S. Roosevelt, John D. Wolfe, Henry A. Smythe, Francis Cottenet.

This picture, painted by the well-known artist, Mr. HENRY PETERS GRAY, is from a miniature in the possession of the family of Mr. CAREW. Respectfully requesting for it a place upon the walls.

I am your obedient servant,

JNO. AUSTIN STEVENS, Jr., Sec'y.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

RARE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WOMAN'S INFIRMARY.—A grand musical entertainment is to be given at Dr. CHEEVER's Church, Union-square, on Saturday evening, for the benefit of the Woman's Infirmary, of Washington Heights. Among the artists that have volunteered for the occasion are MASSIMILIANI, ADELAIDE PHILLIPS, CASTLE, CAMPBELL, BOSISIO, and Mr. S. B. MILLS, the pianist—names which insure a treat that is seldom offered. The tickets are $2 each. The institution toward the liquidation of whose debt the proceeds of this concert are to be devoted, is but little more than a year old, and has already, through the generosity of our citizens, canceled nearly $8,000 of its debt and at the same time supported an average of more than fifty non-paying patients. The institution is officered as follows: Mrs. George W. Hatch, First Directress; Mrs. George Y. Gilbert, Second Directress; Mrs. T. Picton Bowe, Secretary; Mrs. G. W. Leake, Treasurer; Mrs. D. W. C. Ward, Mrs. John H. Macy, Mrs. Drake Mills, Mrs. F. W. Haynes, Mrs. Mary B. Summer. Honorary Members of the Board of Managers—Mrs. Wm. H. Greenough, Mrs. Dr. Bayard, Mrs. R. M. Blatchford, Mrs. M. H. Duckworth, Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts, Mrs. R. D. Livingston. Let there be a full house at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, the 16th inst.

LADIES' UNION RELIEF ASSOCIATION.—This association, which has assumed the duty of caring for disabled Union soldiers and the families of such of such of them as have fallen during the war, earnestly solicit the coöperation of our citizens in this self-imposed labor. The meetings of the association are held at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of Fifth-avenue and Twenty-second-street. The following are the officers of the association, to whom donations of money, clothing or provisions may be sent, and for which acknowledgements will be made monthly through the press. Mrs. JOHN A. KENNEDY, President, No. 135 West Twenty-second-street. Mrs. CORNELIUS CLARKSON, Vice-President, No. 335 East Thirtieth-street. Miss MARIANNA HALE, Treasurer, No. 145 East Twelfth-street. Miss MADELINE MCKIMMEN, Recording Secretary, No. 219 West Thirty-first-street. Miss EVELINA S. HILTON, Corresponding Secretary, No. 68 East Twenty-ninth-street. Communications for the Treasurer may also be left with JAMES W. HALE, No. 24 Wall-street, office Baltic Insurance Company.

FAIR OF THE LADIES' UNION AID SOCIETY.—An attractive fair is now open at the southeast corner of Broadway and Twenty-third-street, under the auspices of the Ladies' Union Aid Society. Nearly all the Methodist Episcopal Churches of the city are represented by handsome tables well supplied with useful and fancy articles, appropriate to the season—to say nothing of the ice-cream and oyster departments. The Ladies' Union Aid Society maintain a noble charity in their commodious and substantial building, now entirely free from debt, on Forty-second-street, near Eighth-avenue, where about one hundred aged and infirm women enjoy all the comforts of a home. The present fair is to aid in this noble work.

FIRE IN PECK-SLIP.—At about half-past 11 o'clock last night officer HOGAN, of the Second Precinct, discovered a fire in the four-story building No. 40 Peck-slip, occupied as a rag and paper warehouse by a German firm, the name of which could not be learned, as they tenanted the place but about two weeks, and the sign-board was destroyed. The flames made very rapid headway, and in a few minutes the entire building was on fire. The loss is estimated at about $6,000 on the stock and $5,000 on the building, which was owned by Mr. SMITH, of Peck-slip. At the time of writing this report the firemen had control of the fire, confining it to the building where it originated. Sergeant HUTCHINSON, of the Second Precinct, who was on the ground with detachments from the adjoining precincts, rendered efficient service. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is under investigation by Fire Marshal BAKER.

FIRE ON PIER NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN EAST RIVER.—Last evening at 9 o'clock a fire broke out among some bales of cotton lying on Pier No. 37 East River, which were being shipped on board the steamship *Hibernia*, for Liverpool. Owing to the promptness of the Fire Department, the fire was confined to a few bales, and the damage, including the loss of several bales thrown into the river, does not exceed $1,800 which is supposed to be insured by the owners of the goods, Messrs. HENNINGS & GOELING, of Beaver-street. The Police, under Capt. JAMESON and Sergeant BABCOCK, were very efficient in preserving order and protecting the property on the dock. It is supposed that the fire was kindled by the river thieves, who prowl around the foot of Market-street.

A COOL OPERATION.—Mrs. OTTILDE SHANKAUFF, living on the Newtown road, N. J., appeared before Justice HOGAN, of the Tombs Police Court, and made a charge against FREDERICK REINCH for robbery. The lady stated that she was going up stairs somewhere in Maiden-lane, yesterday afternoon, when she was met by the accused. REINCH seized hold of her hand and snatched her portemonnaie, containing $31. Officer CORRIGAN, of the Second Precinct, pursued the thief and caught him in an entry in Nassau-street, hiding the portemonnaie. The prisoner was committed for trial without bail.

ELECTION IN COMPANY C, TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT.—On Wednesday evening the members of Company C, Twenty-second Regiment, N. G., elected the following non-commissioned officers: Fourth Sergeant, WM. H. NASH; Fifth Sergeant, ROBT. FORREST; Fourth Corporal, J. I. CAMPION; Fifth Corporal, M. L. CROWELL. Sergt. NASH went out in 1861 as a Captain in BERDAN's celebrated regiment of Sharpshooters, and was subsequently promoted to Major, and was for some months a prisoner in Richmond and Salisbury.

PARADE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.—A grand parade of the Metropolitan Paid Fire Department will take place on Wednesday next. The line will be formed on Lafayette-place; the route of march will be through Astor-place and down Broadway to the City Hall, where the procession will be reviewed by the Mayor and Common Council. The companies will be dismissed in Union-square.

SALE OF VALUABLE PAINTINGS.—Messrs. LEEDS & MINER will sell at auction on Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th and 21st inst., at the Old Dusseldorf Gallery, No. 548 Broadway, a choice collection of modern pictures, the property of Mr. BAILEY, of Philadelphia. The catalogue comprises specimens by F. Roth, C. Hervenig, L. Touissant, Carl Becker, Volkers, Achenbach, De Haas, Verbockhoven, and other masters.

Mr. MATHEWS' PICTURES.—A sale is to take place to-day at the Somerville Art Gallery, No. 845 Broadway, of the pictures of Mr. W. T. MATHEWS. Among the specimens from this artist's pencil are a beautiful collection of prints and flower pieces—appropriate gifts for the holidays; a view on Cockloft Mountain, sketched while that place was held by the rebels; and fine portraits of DANIEL WEBSTER and W. C. BRYANT.

PERSONAL.—FREDERICK KUHNE, Esq., of New-York, Consul of a number of German States, who is now traveling in Europe, has been decorated by Duke ERNST, of Saxe-Coburg, the friend of the Liberal party of Germany, with the cross of a Chevalier of the Saxon-Ernestine Order.

BOY DROWNED.—JAMES KELLY, a boy aged six years, tumbled off Pier No. 2, North River, on Wednesday night, and was drowned. The body was not recovered.

MISS DICKINSON'S LECTURE.—Miss ANNA E. DICKINSON will deliver a lecture at Cooper Institute on Friday evening next, entitled "A Plea for Woman's Labor."

PROTRACTED MEETINGS.—A series of protracted religious meetings are being held in the Sixth-street M. E. Church. The attendance is good, and considerable interest is manifested by those who take part in them.

Markets by Telegraph.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Dec. 14.

FLOUR firm, and advanced 20c.@25c. WHEAT active in speculative demand, and advanced 3c.@4c.; sales at 90c@91c. for No. 2: CORN firm and advanced 1c.@2c.; sales at 46½c.@47c. for No. 1, and 43c.@45c. for No. 2. OATS firm. HIGHWINES steady. PROVISIONS firm and prices unchanged. HOGS—fair supply; sales at 8¾c.@9¾c.; Dressed Hogs—small sales at 10¾c.@11c. RECEIPTS—2,500 bbls. Flour, 1,400 bushels Wheat, 8,500 bushels Corn, 13,000 bushels Oats. SHIPMENTS—1,100 bbls. Flour, 2,000 bushels Wheat.

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Dec. 13.

FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHISKY dull and declined $2 25. Hogs in fair demand, but prices made lower; current rates are $10 25@$10 75 net; receipts, 5,000. MESS PORK dull at $27@$27 50. GREEN MEATS sold at 8¼c.; Shoulders, 11¼c.; Sides, 14½c.@14¾c. LARD dull at 17½c. GOLD 145.

MONTREAL, Thursday, Dec. 14.

FLOUR—No. 1 superfine, $5 55; extra, $6@$6 55; double extra, $7 50@$7 60. WHEAT—Fall $1 20@$1 30; Spring, 95c.@$1 08. OATS, 34c. BARLEY, 60c.@74c. PORK, $22@$23. HOGS, $7 50@$7 75.

TORONTO, Thursday, Dec. 14.

FLOUR steady and in good inquiry. No transaction in WHEAT, BARLEY or OATS.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

COTTON active; sales to-day 5,000 bales, at 46c.@47c. for Middling. MOLASSES declining; prime, 80c. ₩ gallon. Checks on New-York ½ ₩ cent. premium. Gold firm at 147½. FREIGHTS unchanged. Stock of cotton on hand, 146,000 bales.

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A Choice Stock of Fashionable Furs at the lowest figures consistent with self-protection. The assortment consists of every description of Furs worn by ladies, from the rarest to the cheapest, and have been manufactured expressly for the current season. Is also includes a great variety of sleigh and carriage Furs, among which are some of the handsomest Arctic Fox and Black Bear ever offered in this market. GENIN, No. 513 Broadway.

Ivory and Pearl Gilt Letter and Plain Sleeve Buttons, Jewelry, Combs, Belt Buckles, Tooth Brushes, &c., &c., latest French styles. Finest assortment in this city, wholesale and retail.
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Ladies and Gentlemen Out of Town—Send for our box of initial note-paper—any single letter; 3 quires and 3 packs best quality only $2 25.
ILLUMINATED MONOGRAMS.—The demand is so great that all orders for Christmas must be sent in before the 20th inst. GIMBREDE, Nos. 568 and 572 Broadway.

Marvin's New Patent Alum and Dry Plaster Fire and Burglar Silver Plate Safes. Highly ornamental, and warranted perfectly dry. Also a large assortment of Bankers' and Merchants' Safes.
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A Man is Known by the company he keeps; a lady by the perfume she uses. Ladies of the highest taste and refinement will use none but PENNEY'S EGYPTIAN LOTUS.

Trusses, &c.—"WHITE'S PATENT LEVER TRUSS," the best in the world for curing Runture—no pressure on the back; light, clean and easy; superior supporters and Braces. GREGORY & CO., 600 Broadway.

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A Silent Sewing Machine—Making the celebrated "Willcox & Gibbs Stitch"—strong, elastic and durable. WILLCOX & GIBBS, No. 508 Broadway.

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Trusses, &c.—MARSH & CO.'S Radical Cure Truss Office, only at No. 2 Vesey-st. Also supporters, bandages, silks, elastic stockings, &c. A lady attendant.

Holiday Presents of Affection and Charity—Wheeler & Wilson's Lock Stitch Sewing-Machine and Button-hole Machine, No. 625 Broadway.

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Improved Lock-Stitch Machines for Tailors' and Manufacturers. GROVER & BAKER SEWING-MACHINE COMPANY, No. 495 Broadway.

The Universal Clothes Wringer, with cogs. The best in use, R. C. BROWNING, 347 Broadway.

Howe Sewing Machine Company.—ELIAS HOWE, Jr., President. 620 Broadway. Agents wanted.

MARRIED.

BEEBE—SHARP.—On Wednesday, Dec. 13, by Rev. C. G. Sommers, WALTON BEEBE and LIZZIE A., daughter of William Sharp, Esq., all of Brooklyn.

BODINE—HUBBS.—At Northport, L. I., on Thursday, Dec. 14, by Rev. J. Bryant Smith, A. STANTON BODINE, of Brooklyn, and MATTIE A., daughter of Mr. James Hubbs, of Northport.

BORDEN—GRAVES.—On Thursday, Dec. 14, by Rev. J. Millard, JOHN G. BORDEN and ELLA L., daughter of Dr. L. Graves. No cards.

CLENTHEN.—At Calvary Church, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, by Rev. Dr. Washburn, JOHN G. DALE and EUGENIE EMILIE, daughter of the late Antoine Lentilhon.

HODGMAN—DUSENBURY.—On Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the residence of Charles Dusenbury, Esq., by Rev. A. T. Stewart, of Tarrytown, CHARLES A. HODGMAN and MARY E. DUSENBURY, daughter of James Dusenbury, Esq., all of Tuckahoe, N. Y.

LAKWOOD—GILBERT.—On Wednesday evening, Nov. 29, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Wilbur M. Stone, Mr. E. Lockwood and JANIE, eldest daughter of Mr. Isaac Gilbert, all of this city.

THOMAS—OPDYKE.—At Hartford, on Wednesday, Dec. 13, by Rev. J. L. Jenkins, SETH E. THOMAS, of New-York, and Miss SARAH L., daughter of the late Mason Grose. No cards.

WILSON—BLEECKER.—On Thursday, Dec. 14, at Christ's Church, Brooklyn, by Rev. Wm. Taylock, Rev. WM. T. WILSON, of Albany, and CAROLINE, daughter of Wm. E. Bleecker, of Brooklyn. No cards.

WESTBROOK—MARTIN.—At the residence of the bride, on Wednesday, Dec. 13, by Rev. Thos. Street, HIRAM WESTBROOK, of Milford, Penn., and Miss JENNIE MARTIN, of New-York City. No cards.

DIED.

ANABLE.—At the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. Dr. Eccleston, Newark, N. J., on Thursday, Dec. 14, Mrs. MARY B. ANABLE, aged 84 years.

Funeral from Trinity Church, Newark, this (Friday) afternoon, Dec. 15, at 1 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Hudson, N. Y., Saturday morning.

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GOVERNMENT LOAN AGENTS
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES
PURCHASED AND FOR SALE.
All kinds on hand, ready for instant delivery, at the best market price.
DEPOSITS IN CURRENCY AND GOLD RECEIVED.
Accounts of banks, bankers and individuals solicited.
FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON ALL DAILY BALANCES
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Collections made promptly on all points.
Orders for stocks, bonds and gold executed on commission.
Gold for payment of duties for sale in sums to suit.

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Government securities, stocks, bonds and gold bought and sold on commission.
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BROKERS
IN
STOCKS, BONDS AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,
NO. 17 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK.
G. NORWOOD, late of Buffalo. JNO. F. LOCKWOOD, of the N. Y. Stock Exchange.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
INTEREST DEPARTMENT,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1865.
Parties holding (30) thirty or more coupons of the three years seven and three-tenths notes maturing on the 15th inst. are requested to present them in with schedules, at any time prior to the 14th inst.
Holders complying with the above will have their coupons examined and checks given for them on the 14th inst., after 10 o'clock P. M.
Blank schedules will be furnished upon application at the Coupon Interest Department of this office.
E. H. VAN DYCK,
Assistant Treasurer United States.

LOCKWOOD & CO., BANKERS,
NO. 94 BROADWAY AND NO. 6 WALL-ST.
Dealers in government and other securities.
Interest allowed upon deposits of gold and currency, subject to check at sight. Gold loaned to merchants and bankers upon favorable terms.

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NO. 56 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

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TRAVELING CREDITS.
Circular notes for £10 and upwards, on the Union Bank of London, available in all the principal towns and cities of Europe, for sale, at the current rate of exchange, by
I. P. MORTON & CO., Bankers, No. 36 Wall-st.

THE HARMONY MUTUAL COAL COMPANY.
CAPITAL, $400,000.
(Represented by the bonds issued by the company.)
Divided into 60,000 shares, the par value of which is fixed at $10 each.
Of these, 12,500 are appropriated for working capital.
OFFICERS:
President.....Mr. DAVID B. TURNER.
Vice-President and Treasurer..Mr. MARTIN G. BATES.
Secretary.....Mr. JOHN H. ROLSTON.
Attorneys.....PLATT, GERARD & BUCKLEY.
DIRECTORS:
HENRY A. SMYTHE, President of the Central National Bank.
JOHN P. YELVERTON, President of the Bank of North America.
NOAH WILSON, President of the American National Bank.
FREDERICK SCHUCHARDT, of F. Schuchardt & Sons, bankers.
ETHAN CHANDLER, of John Munroe & Co., bankers.
WM. H. TOWNSEND, Treasurer of the Sterling Iron Company.
DAVID B. TURNER, of New-York.
Each share will be entitled, from the coal mined by the company in any one year, to its proportionate share of said coal so mined and sold, not exceeding one ton per share, (or the profits thereon,) and a dividend of the profit from the product, beyond the amount delivered on the shares.
The property of this company is situated between the town of Scranton, Penn., and the Wyoming Valley Railroad, and is the property, and about one mile from Scranton, and adjoining the Wyoming Railroad and Coal Company. It is free and unincumbered, and the company has no debt of any kind. It is one of the best coal properties in the region, being estimated to contain seven millions of tons of coal, almost the whole of which is above water level, and capable of producing 1,000 tons daily for market.
Any shareholder not wishing to take his coal can have it sold by the company for his account, and receive the proceeds.
Subscriptions for a limited number of shares received by
WILSON, GIBSON & CO.,
No. 80 Broadway, New-York.

OFFICE OF SHELDEN AND COLUMBIAN COPPER CO.,
No. 22 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1865.
THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES OF the stock of the SHELDEN AND COLUMBIAN COPPER COMPANY have been forfeited, and will be sold at public auction, at the office of the company, on SATURDAY, Dec. 23, 1865, at 3 o'clock P. M., for nonpayment of assessment, due June 5, 1865: Certificate No. 4, in name of B. F. Woodward, for 5 shares; Certificate No. 76, in name of Geo. P. Deshon, for 75 shares; Certificate No. 88, in name of Joshua Hendricks, for 25 shares.
By order of Board of Directors.
S. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FROST PETROLEUM COMPANY,
No. 74 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1865.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Frost Petroleum Company, of New-York, will be held at the office of the company, No. 74 Broadway, Room No. 16, on MONDAY, Dec. 22, 1865, at 12 o'clock M., at which time the election of trustees, to serve the ensuing year, will take place. The polls will be open from 12 to 1 o'clock.
The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 12 to 22d.
RICHARD AMERMAN, Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, TREASURER'S OFFICE,
SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 22, 1865.
THE INTEREST ON THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS maturing on the first Monday of January, 1866, will be paid at the Chase National Bank of the City of New-York on the 1st to the 15th days, inclusive, of January, 1866.
JAMES H. BEVERIDGE, State Treasurer.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Nos. 27 AND 29 PINE-ST.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the shareholders of this bank for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors of Election, to serve the ensuing year, will be held at their banking-house, as above, on the second TUESDAY of January next, (9th inst.,) at 12 o'clock noon, and closing at 3 o'clock P. M. of that day.
B. SEAMAN, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, 8th December, 1865.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR fifteen directors of this bank and three inspectors for the following election, will take place at the Banking House, on the SECOND TUESDAY in January ensuing.
The poll will open at 12 M., and close at 1 o'clock, P. M.
By order,
W. A. KISSAM, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1865.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this bank, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 38 Wall-st., in this city, on MONDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.
F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

NORTH AMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1865.
AN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE third class, pursuant to the charter of this company, will be held at the office of the company, on the third WEDNESDAY of inst., Dec. 20, between 2 and 3 P. M. The polls will close at 2 P. M.
T. T. MERWIN, Secretary.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 240 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on the second TUESDAY of January next, (9th proximo,) between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1865.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this bank will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 9th of January next, from 12 M. until 1 o'clock P. M.
W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this association will be held at the banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

THE CROTON NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, 17 Nassau-st.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking rooms on Tuesday, January 9, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
R. M. HEDDEN, Cashier.

GROCER'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1865.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Bank, will be held at the Banking-House, on TUESDAY, 9th day of January, 1866, from 12 to 1 o'clock.
SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

CAUTION.—THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED not to negotiate the following drafts: one dated Oct. 6 for $2,200; two dated Nov. 13 for $500 each; two dated Nov. 8 for $500 each; drawn by me to order of John Egerton, on Shook & Morgan, and not accepted. JOHN BOOL, Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y.

FINANCIAL.

H. J. MESSENGER,
BANKER,
NO. 139 BROADWAY,
All denominations of 7 3-10 notes on hand for immediate delivery.
Gold, Government Securities, Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on commission.
7 3-10 CURRENCY COUPONS,
DUE DEC. 15.
1861 GOLD COUPONS,
DUE JAN. 1, 1866,
cashed by
MANN & BRUNDAGE,
No. 36 Ping-st.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD INTEREST FOR SALE.
Over one-third interest in a short railroad in a Southern State, where there are only three or four other owners. This road was broken by Federal troops under military necessity, a claim for which is now under arrangement in Washington. The damages are not heavy, and with a small amount of money, can be made good in a month or so.
Parties purchasing will have the benefit of the above claim, aside from the purchase, which coming from a loyal owner, is all in order and must be allowed; and a property which has and will pay 20 per cent. on the price and terms for which it will be offered. Address C. W. B., Box No. 443 New-York Post-office, for one week.

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.
THIRD NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1865.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of directors, will be held at their banking-house on the second TUESDAY in January next. By order of the board.
J. C. MARSELLUS, Assistant Cashier.

NOTICE.
The holders of the Railroad Bonds of Scioto County and State of Ohio are hereby notified that an authorized agent will attend in the City of New-York, on the 1st day of January ensuing, at the banking-house of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., for the purpose of paying the January interest on said bonds, and to make other arrangements in regard to their liquidation.
By order of the Board of Commissioners, Scioto County, State of Ohio.
PORTSMOUTH, Dec. 11, 1865.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
AMERICAN BANKERS,
No. 5 Rue de la Paix, Paris,
and
No. 8 Wall-st., New-York,
issue circular letters of credit for travelers in all parts of Europe, &c., &c. Also, commercial credits.

U. S. COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES,
ISSUED IN 1864,
BOUGHT AND SOLD BY
VERMILYE & CO.,
No. 44 Wall-st.

THE
GREAT WESTERN
(MARINE)
INSURANCE COMPANY.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....$5,000,000
CASH PAID IN AND SURPLUS.....3,677,000
ASSETS.....3,677,000
HOME OFFICE,
No. 39 William-st., New-York.
BRANCH OFFICE,
Leadenhall-st., London.
BRANCH OFFICE,
Tower Chambers, Liverpool.
FREIGHTS and CARGOES are insured at these offices, to and from any part of the world, at the current premiums, and according to the usages in the respective localities, made payable at either city, in GOLD, STERLING or CURRENCY, as may be desired.
The company returns 75 per cent. of the profits in scrip to policy-holders, (amounting last year to 40 per cent., but now returns TWENTY PER CENT. IN CASH IN LIEU OF SCRIP to those wishing to commute for the same in lower net premiums.
For the accommodation of shippers, certificates are issued. Losses payable at the company's bankers in London, on shipments of specie, merchandise or produce, which are available with bankers as collateral security.
WM. T. LOCKWOOD, Secretary

COAL LANDS TO LEASE.
The NORTH CARBONDALE COAL COMPANY, owners of 2,350 acres of land located near Carbondale, Penn., and entirely free from debt, are desirous of making leases of the same to parties willing to make the improvements, and connection with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. The company have nearly $100,000 cash on hand, and are prepared to advance this sum, properly secured, toward opening their lands and making them productive. Applications may be addressed to C. M. SCHOTT, Secretary, 319 Walnut-st., Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 51 WALL-ST., COR. WILLIAM,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1865.
THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the last day of the year, preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which may be terminated during the year, prior to 1st January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.
J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1865.
C. K. BINGHAM, PRESIDENT OF THE Co.-Lynchburgh National Bank, and GEORGE W. ELY, formerly of the Continental Bank, have this day been admitted to the banking-house of SUIT, GRAY & CO., and the business will be conducted hereafter under the name and style of SUIT, BINGHAM & CO.
S. T. SUIT,
GEO. E. H. GRAY.
C. K. BINGHAM.
GEORGE W. ELY.

TELEGRAPH AND EXPRESS STOCKS.
United States Telegraph.
Russian Extension Telegraph.
American Telegraph.
National Express.
Adams Express.
Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.
Apply to GEO. C. DUNBAR,
No. 46 Pine-st.,
Dealer in Telegraph and Express Stocks.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS RAILROAD CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1865.
AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of the company, held this day, it was
Resolved, That a dividend of five per cent. in cash, free of government tax, be paid on the 1st day of February next, to the holders of the full-paid shares registered on the 20th day of January, and that the transfer books be closed on the said 20th day of January, and opened on the 3d day of February.
THOMAS E. WALKER,
Treasurer.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 650 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the PEOPLE'S GAS LIGHT COMPANY, of the City of New-York, will be held at the office of the company, No. 21 Dey-st., on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27, 1865, at 2 P. M., for the election of five Trustees for the ensuing year.
WM. KING, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1865.

$500,000 TO LOAN ON STATE BONDS and government securities, in sums to suit, at 7 per cent.
WOLFE & CO., Bankers,
No. 15 William-st.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD Bonds and Stock, Bellefontaine Railroad Stock wanted, by GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 46 Pine-st., Dealer in stocks and bonds not quoted at the New-York Stock Exchange.

COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHUSETTS and other States—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 4, first floor over Park Bank

SAVINGS BANKS.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK.
NO. 1 THIRD-AV.
Deposits made now draw interest from 1st January.
BANK OPEN DAILY from 10 to 2 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, from 5 to 7 o'clock.
THOMAS B. STILLMAN, President.
ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 96 WARREN-ST.
Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on all sums entitled thereto. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CORLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID,
FREE from government tax.
THIRD-AV. SAVINGS BANK,
corner 26th-st. and 3d-avenue.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST,
Free from government tax, allowed at
METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 1 THIRD-AV.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, FREE OF TAX, paid by Union Dime Savings Bank, No. 4 2 9 Canal-st., corner of Varick.
Assets, $1,805,000 00.

DIVIDENDS.

EIGHTH DIVIDEND.
CONSOLIDATED PETROLEUM OIL COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1865.
The trustees of the Consolidated Petroleum Oil Company have this day declared a dividend of One Per Cent. on the capital stock, (par value $10 per share,) out of the net earnings of the company, payable at the office of the company, No. 19 Broad-st., on and after the 15th inst.
C. R. GRIFFIN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE WOLF CREEK DIAMOND COAL CO.,
No. 205 WALNUT-st., PHILADELPHIA.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a cash dividend of ten per cent. on the capital stock out of the earnings of the company since the organization, to Oct. 31, 1865, to Oct. 31, inclusive, payable on and after the 15th inst. Transfer books will close on 11th, and re-open 26th inst.
R. R. ROBB, Treasurer.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1865.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1865.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK have THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent. and the government tax payable, out of the profits of the bank, on and after Jan. 2, 1866. The transfer books will be closed from the 23d inst. to the 2d prox.
CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
The undersigned offers for sale
AT WHOLESALE PRICES,
his large stock of Champagne, Claret, Burgundy, Sauterne, Muscat, Sherry, Port, and Malaga Wines.
All goods warranted strictly pure.
Send for a price list, or apply to J. MARC MARTIN, Importer, No. 203 Pearl-st., New-York.

FOREIGN LETTER OFFICE, NO. 29 WILLIAM-ST.—Letter bags for Europe, per steamer BREMEN, for Southampton and Bremen, and per steamer CITY OF NEW-YORK, will close at the Foreign Letter office, No. 29 William-st., corner of Exchange-place, on SATURDAY, at 11:30 A. M. Letter-bags for Havana, per steamer LIBERTY, and per MORNING STAR, for New-Orleans, will close on SATURDAY, at 2:30 P. M.

AUCTION SALES.

JOHN H. DRAPER, Auctioneer.
UNDERWRITERS' SALE OF DAMAGED COTTON.
JOHN H. DRAPER & CO.,
will sell on
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20, 1865,
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,
ON THE BATTERY,
About 2,000 bales of damaged cotton, saved from the fire at No. 12 State-st.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, HENRY A. BARLING and ABNER H. DAVIS, as executors of the last will and testament of Edward Mott Robinson, deceased, will sell at public auction, through Burdett, Jones & Co., auctioneers, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 11th day of December next, at 12 o'clock noon, the three-eighths of the ship *Queen of the East*, of New-York, her tackle, apparel and furniture, &c., mortgaged to the said Edward Mott Robinson, deceased, by Eben B. Crocker and George Warren, to secure the sum of $12,500, by indenture of mortgage, dated March 4, 1864, recorded at the Custom-house in New-York March 8, 1864, in Liber 44, folio 83, &c., of Bills of Sale of Registered Vessels. Default having been made in payment of said mortgage debt, the said sale will be made in pursuance of the power contained in said mortgage. The said vessel is now lying in the North Middle Wharf in the Atlantic Basin, in the City of Brooklyn.
NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1865.
HENRY A. BARLING,
ABNER H. DAVIS,
Executors, &c., of Edward Mott Robinson.

The above sale is postponed to WEDNESDAY, the 20th December instant, at the same time and place mentioned in the foregoing notice.
HENRY A. BARLING,
A. H. DAVIS,
Executors, &c., of Edward Mott Robinson.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.
VALUABLE CENTRAL PARK LOTS AT AUCTION.
E. H. LUDLOW & CO.
WILL SELL AT AUCTION,
On TUESDAY, Dec. 19, 1865, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York:
8TH-AV., SOUTHWEST CORNER 99TH-ST.—4 lots; corner lot, 25.2x100; inside lots, 25.3x100 feet.
5TH-AV., 102D AND 103D STS.—8 lots on 5th-av., comprising entire front; 8 lots on 102d-st., in the rear, corner, 26 feet 9 inches by 100 feet; inside lots, 25x100 feet 9 inches.
EAST 104TH-ST.—3 lots, south side, 200 feet east of 5th-av.; each lot 25x100 feet 9 inches.
WEST 116TH-ST.—4 lots, south side, 400 feet west of 9th-av.; each 25x100 feet 10 inches.
WEST 118TH-ST.—10 lots, north side, 100 feet west of 6th-av.; each lot 25x100 feet 11 inches.
WEST 119TH-ST.—10 lots, south side, 100 feet west of 6th-av.; each lot 25x100 feet 11 inches.
All of the above lots are very desirable, being on Central Park. Maps, &c., at the office of the auctioneers,
E. H. LUDLOW & CO.,
No. 3 Pine-st., near Broadway.

GOVERNMENT SALES.
SALE OF RESERVED HORSES.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12, 1865.
The Quartermaster-General of the army direc's that all government horses now at Giesboro, D. C., be sold to the highest bidders.
Sales will therefore take place at Giesboro, D. C., beginning on
THURSDAY NEXT, Dec. 14, 1865,
and continuing on each TUESDAY and THURSDAY thereafter, until all are disposed of.
Each horse will leave the 6th-st. wharf every hour on the days of sale.
These horses have been carefully selected, and are superior to any heretofore offered for sale.
Animals will be sold singly.
Sales to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.
Terms—Cash in United States currency.
JAMES A. ELLIS,
Brevet Brigadier-General in charge,
First Division, Q. M. G. O.

LARGE SALE OF GOVERNMENT MULES.
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
DEPOT OF WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5, 1865.
Will be sold at public auction, under the direction of Brevet Col. H. C. Hasbrouck, Depot Quartermaster, at Branch Corral, near Lincoln Hospital Depot, Washington, D. C., commencing WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, 1865, at 10 o'clock A. M., a superior lot of
SIX HUNDRED GOVERNMENT MULES.
The Mules are well broken, matched, in fine condition, and may be considered, in every respect, a first-class lot. They will be sold to the highest bidder, and the sale will be continued from day to day until the whole number is sold.
Terms cash, in government funds.
D. H. RUCKER,
Brevet Major-General and Chief Quartermaster,
Depot of Washington.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer,
Office No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.
SALE OF OIL PAINTINGS,
THE WORKS OF THE EMINENT ARTIST,
W. T. MATHEWS,
Of this city, at the
SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY,
NO. 845 BROADWAY, NEAR 14TH-ST.
MINER & SOMERVILLE
will sell at auction,
FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 15, at 7½ o'clock, at
THE SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY,
No. 845 BROADWAY,
the entire works of the
RENOWNED AMERICAN ARTIST,
W. T. MATTHEWS,
COMPRISING FRUITS, FLOWERS, LANDSCAPES, FIGURES, INTERIORS, and PORTRAITS.

J. H. DRAPER, Auctioneer.
UNITED STATES COTTON SALE.
JOHN H. DRAPER & CO.
Will sell on FRIDAY, Dec. 15, 1865, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Simeon Draper, U. S. Cotton Agent, at New-Orleans,
ABOUT 4,000 BALES MEMPHIS COTTON.
The above cotton has been classed and sampled by G. W. Amory, and may be seen in the bale at the Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, and by sample at the office of the auctioneers, No. 36 Pine-st., New-York, two days before the sale.

T. R. MINTURN, Auctioneer.
THIS DAY, (FRIDAY,) DEC. 15,
At 11 o'clock, within the store,
NEW CROP BORDEAUX PRUNES,
ex-ship GEORGE BROWN, from Bordeaux.
100 cases Bordeaux Prunes, new crop, in elegant fancy cartons, glass top boxes, of small sizes, landing ex steamer, and will be ready now for delivery.
2,000 packages Malaga Raisins, bunch and layers.
175 boxes Basket Layers.
150 boxes London Layers.
50 frails Fine Almonds.
100 barrels Trieste Currants.
20 boxes Malaga Lemons.
50 boxes Turkish Figs.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite Post-office.
SALE OF SHEFFIELD PLATED WARE, BRONZES, CANDELABRAS, MANTLE ORNAMENTS, &c.
THE SUBSCRIBER WILL SELL AT AUCTION,
the importation of the well-known house of
COX BROTHERS, OF THIS CITY.
On FRIDAY MORNING, Dec. 15, by
MINER & SOMERVILLE,
at the
Salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st.,
ON FRIDAY, DEC. 15, 1865,
Particulars hereafter.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.
FINE OIL PAINTINGS.
By EDWARD SCHENCK, on SATURDAY, 16th inst., at 11 o'clock, at the Salesroom No. 60 Liberty-st., a collection of fine oil paintings by European masters, including MUHLIG, BRANDES, TENKATE, TEN CATE, STUHLMAN, EGGERS, VAN-AELST, FORSTER, GUTSCH, WAHL, BOARDMAN, and others. The above are in rich gold frames, are now on exhibition, and will be sold without any reserve as above. Catalogues now ready.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
H. LEEDS & MINER WILL SELL BY auction, on
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS,
Dec. 20 and 21,
At 7½ o'clock each evening, at the Old Dusseldorf Gallery, No. 548 Broadway, a few doors next door below Tiffany & Co.'s store,
A COLLECTION OF THE HIGHEST ORDER OF
of the Berlin, French, Belgium and Dusseldorf Schools, belonging to Mr. Bailey, of Philadelphia.
This beautiful collection has been on exhibition at the National Art Academy in Philadelphia for the past month for the benefit of the Soldiers' Home, yielding a large amount for that institution. Among other great artists are the following:

Hildebrand.	Herzog,	A. Achenbach,
Carl Becker,	Seil,	Riombeck,
Riefenstahl,	Bower,	Gonzalo,
Carl Hubner,	Torrasaint,	Stammel,
Giddemann,	Leu,	Kaufman,
Gesselschap,	Hoquet,	Jacobson,
Meyerheim,	Tait,	Volkers,
Webb,	Hilgers,	Robbe,
Seigert,	Verboekhoven,	De Haas,
Knaus,	Landseer,	Carl Hoff,
Breslot,	P. Arons,	F. Krauff, &c.

Also, a superb Roman Mosaic, five feet two inches long by two feet inches wide, representing the Ruins of Pæstum, with scenery of the surrounding country, taking in a circuit of forty miles, said to be the largest and most perfect piece of mosaic ever imported from Rome. This splendid collection is now on exhibition as above, free during the day; also, on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday previous to the sale, with catalogues.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
H. LEEDS & MINER WILL SELL by auction on SATURDAY, Dec. 16, at 12 o'clock, in front of their salesroom, No. 93 Liberty-st., a few doors west of Broadway:
A VERY FINE COUPE, built in the best style of Brewster & Baldwin, with pole and shafts.
ALSO,
A BROWN PONY, about 12 hands high, perfectly kind and gentle under the saddle and in harness; a very desirable and safe animal for children.
ALSO,
A VERY VALUABLE PAIR OF BLACK MARES, medium size; good travelers—the near horse very fast. Are very stylish, and one of the most attractive teams in the city for pole or phaeton. They are perfectly kind and gentle in all harness.
ALSO,
A stylish PHAETON, but little used.
ALSO,
A BASKET-WAGON, for park drive, with driver's seat.
A set of fine DOUBLE HARNESS, made by Wright, with traces for phaeton.
A fine BLACK BEAR-SKIN ROBE.
A fine pair of CARRIAGE BLANKETS.
Can be seen before our door two hours before sale. Sold as the owner has no further use for them.

FARM FOR SALE—AT AUCTION, AT AMENIA, Dutchess County, N. Y., on THURSDAY, Jan. 4, 1866, at 1 o'clock P. M.; said farm contains four hundred (400) acres of land of the first quality, well fenced and in a high state of cultivation; wood sufficient for fuel and fencing; timber in nearly every field; and 20 acres of orchard, mostly choice grafted fruit, and about 300 acres of said land can be easily mowed with a machine; the buildings consist of two barns having mowroom for 100 tons of hay, besides grain and stabling for 90 cattle, and also containing hay-press, granaries, &c.; this farm is situated about 3½ miles from Amenia Village and Harlem Railroad Depot, and less than a mile from a church, school, store, post-office, mill, blacksmith's-shop, &c., and was formerly known as the Daniel Carpenter Farm. Terms easy, and made known on the day of sale. Any further information may be obtained by viewing the premises, or by addressing the undersigned at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
B. P. CARPENTER.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
H. LEEDS & MINER WILL SELL by auction, on SATURDAY, Dec. 16, at 10½ o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 93 Liberty-st.:
ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of a general assortment, removed for convenience of sale, including parlor, dining-room, library and chamber furniture, carpets, mirrors, curtains, &c.; plated ware, china, crockery, glassware, &c. Also an assortment of kitchen furniture.

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION NOTICE.
HENRY D. MINER, AUCTIONEER,
Office No. 37 Nassau-st.,
SALE OF OIL PAINTINGS,
the works of the
EMINENT AMERICAN ARTIST
W. T. MATHEWS,
of this city, at the
SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY,
No. 845 BROADWAY, NEAR 14TH-ST.
These works have elicited the following criticism from one of our leading connoisseurs: "Mr. W. T. Mathews has been painting some exquisite fruit and flower pieces —peaches taken at the very moment of their perfect ripeness and looking as if they could not but melt in the mouth; grapes that would be sure to distil their rich juices if you pricked them with a pin; strawberries so perfectly imitated that you seem to perceive their fragrance; cherries and pears which would make one's mouth water if seen on a table, and others of our domestic fruits scarcely less happily rendered."
MINER & SOMERVILLE WILL SELL AT AUCTION, FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 15, AT 7½ O'CLOCK, at the
SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY,
the entire works of the
RENOWNED AMERICAN ARTIST,
W. T. MATHEWS,
COMPRISING
FRUITS, FLOWERS, FIGURES, LANDSCAPES, INTERIORS and PORTRAITS.
THE ABOVE ARE NOW ON EXHIBITION, WITH CATALOGUES.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.
AUCTION NOTICE.
EXTENSIVE SALE OF SHEFFIELD AND ENGLISH SILVER-PLATED WARE, BRONZES, PARIAN WARE, &c.,
being balance of stock of Messrs.
COX BROTHERS,
who are declining the branch of their business.
MINER & SOMERVILLE will sell at auction, on FRIDAY, Dec. 15, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, Sheffield Plated Ware, as follows:
Epergnes, tea and coffee urns, trays, casters, liqueur stands, tea and coffee sets, cake baskets, candelabras and candlesticks, covered and hot water dishes, breakfasters, &c., &c.
BRONZES.
Figures and groups, vases and urns, candelabras and candlesticks, clocks, coups, antique vases, Pompeii urns, &c., &c.
PARIAN WARE.
Figures and groups, dessert sets, baskets, butter-tubs, flower pots, &c., &c.
PAPIER MACHE GOODS.
Tables, work boxes, trays, desks.
The above are the importation of
COX BROTHERS,
and will be sold
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

J. B. WALTON & DESLONDE, Auctioneers.
IMPORTANT TO CAPITALISTS.
THE ST. CHARLES THEATRE,
NEW-ORLEANS,
TOGETHER WITH THE
IMPROVEMENTS AND FIXTURES,
SCENERY, MACHINERY AND FURNITURE,
TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION,
BY ORDER OF
THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE NEW-ORLEANS GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.
BY C. E. GIRARDEY & CO.,
AND
J. B. WALTON & DESLONDE,
Auctioneers,
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27, 1865, at 12 o'clock M., at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, New-Orleans, by order and under the direction of the President and Directors of the New Gas-light Co., will be sold—
A certain lot of ground, situated in the First District of New-Orleans, in the square bounded by St. Charles, Poydras, Camp and Gravier sts., and measuring eighty feet front on said St. Charles-st. by one hundred and seventy feet in depth, between parallel lines, all more or less, American measure.
Said lot of ground is the remnant of a large portion of ground (say 150 feet front on St. Charles-st. by 170 feet in depth, between parallel lines, all more or less, American measure) acquired with other property by the New-Orleans Gas-light Company from the New-Orleans Gas-light and Banking Company, and acquired by the New-Orleans Gas-light and Banking Company, together with other properties, from James H. Caldwell, Esq., on the 12th July, 1841.
It is stipulated in the act of sale conveying this property, that the openings in the wall dividing the "Murphy House," on the north side of the lot, and the St. Charles Theatre, shall remain as they are now, and the privileges of said openings shall continue for the use and benefit of any other building that may be erected adjoining the lot of the St. Charles Theatre, on the line of said division wall.
Together with the building known as the
ST. CHARLES THEATRE,
all the improvements and fixtures, scenery, machinery and furniture thereunto belonging, under the conditions of a lease to Ben DeBar, which stipulates "that the improvements and fixtures now on the premises being those provided for and placed there under a former agreement between the company and Lor. A. Smith, dated 26th May, 1848, shall remain undisturbed as the property of the lessor, at the expiration of the lease, to be delivered along with the entire building, with the exception of the usual wear and tear, or loss or damage by fire, in good order."
The theatre is located in the most central and commercial part of the City of New-Orleans, and the building was planned after the old Saint Charles Theatre, and has been the favorite and best known theatre for many years in the city. It has been thoroughly repaired, at large expense, and will be sold subject to the lease to Ben De Bar, at the rate of $8,000 per annum, which will expire on the 30th day of September, 1867.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—One-third of the amount of adjudication to be paid in cash in U. S. Treasury notes, and the remainder in the notes of the purchaser, to his own order, payable at one, two and three years, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date until maturity, and eight per cent interest after maturity, if not punctually paid

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DE FARR.....(building).....Great power.
VILLE DE PARIS.....(building).....Great power.
DEPARTURES FROM NEW-YORK.
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EUROPE.....DUCHESNE.....FRIDAY.....Jan. 5
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PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
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Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.
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Will remove on Dec. 15 to new offices, No. 58 Broadway.
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Vessels.	Tons.	Commanders.
QUEEN.....3,419		Grogan.
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ERIN.....3,310		Grace.
VICTORIA.....3,313		Provan.
PENNSYLVANIA.....2,872		McNevin.
VIRGINIA.....2,676		Lewis.
LOUISIANA.....2,186		Cutting.

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:
QUEEN.....SATURDAY, Dec. 16
VICTORIA.....SATURDAY, Dec. 23
VIRGINIA.....SATURDAY, Dec. 30
SCOTLAND.....SATURDAY, Jan. 6
AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.
The size of these steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; their accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.
An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.
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ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.
The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River for Havre, touching at Falmouth, as follows:
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....Nov. 25, 1865.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....Dec. 23, 1865.
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....Feb. 3, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....Feb. 17, 1866.
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....March 17, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....April 14, 1866.
PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin.....$132 50 | Second cabin.....$80 00
Through tickets to London, $5 extra.
An experienced surgeon on board.
Way Cargo and baggage express will be sent by each steamer, and will close at 10 A. M. on sailing day. Our letter bags will close at 11½ A. M. For convenience of our up-town customers, letter bags will be kept at the Metropolitan Hotel and on the dock, foot of Canal-st.
Our FRANKED ENVELOPES will be on sale at the office of the hotel, and at our office, No. 84 Broadway, and Canal-st. dock.
All letters sent through us must be in Government envelopes.
Sight Exchange on San Francisco for sale.
Telegraphic transfers of money made to all points reached by the wires on West Coast.
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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
Consignees of freight per Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamers will receive orders for delivery at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., No. 84 Broadway, upon surrender of their bills of lading.
Goods remaining on the wharf twenty-four hours after discharge will be stored at expense and risk of consignees.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
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NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.—The New-York Mail Steamship Company's steamship MORNING STAR will clear on SATURDAY, Dec. 16, at 3 P. M., from the Company's Pier, No. 46 North River.
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FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
From Pier No. 45, North River, 2d pier above Canal-st.
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$40 FIRST CABIN PASSAGE!!!
The well-known and popular steamer MATANZAS, LEISEGANG, Commander, will sail SATURDAY, Dec. 16. Through bills of lading issued for all points on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, connecting with the Atlantic and Mississippi Steamship Company, of St. Louis.
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No. 5 Bowling-green.
Or J. EAGER & CO.,
Agents of the Atlantic and Mississippi Steamship Company, of St. Louis, No. 41 Broad-st., New-York.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
BLACK STAR LINE.
Composed of following first-class steamships to sail every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock, from Pier No. 13, North River, foot Cedar-st.
HENRY CLAY, Capt. S. H. DOLLARD.
MONTGOMERY, Capt. CALVIN RYDER.
MARMION, Capt. E. R. WARSAW.
HUNTSVILLE, Capt.
One of the steamships MARMION will leave on SATURDAY, Dec. 16, 1865.
For freight or passage, having handsome accommodations, apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 54 Wall-st.
GEO. A. FOSDICK, Agent at New-Orleans.
For the present, bills of lading will be signed on the wharf.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
BLACK STAR LINE FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
The steamship MARMION will receive freight until her hour of sailing, SATURDAY, Dec. 16.
H. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 54 Wall-st.

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The Centreville Company's side-wheel steamer
ALABAMA, Capt. LEMUEL S. CRANE,
Dec. 15, 2 P. M., Pier No. 29, North River. Has superior passenger accommodations. Is now receiving freight and will sail as above.
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FOR NEW-ORLEANS, DIRECT.
The new and first-class steamship FUNG SHUEY, Capt. WM. RIDER, will leave Pier No. 7 N. R., on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 P. M.
Passage, with accommodations unsurpassed, $60.
Apply to H. B. CROMWELL & Co.,
No. 66 West-st.
The STAR OF THE UNION follows on SATURDAY, Dec. 23.

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The above splendid steamships will leave every THURSDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 36 North River, invariably landing cargo at Charleston on Monday morning.
The new and elegant steamship
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sails on THURSDAY, Dec. 21, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage, with unsurpassed accommodation, apply to
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(1,000 tons burden,) E. A. DEFANOY, master, will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on TUESDAY, Dec. 19, at 3 o'clock P. M.
H. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 54 Wall-st.

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Cabin Passage.....$25 | Deck Passage.....$10
The new and first-class steamship CHASE, Capt. W. D. ROATH, will leave Pier No. 4, North River, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or first-class passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
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OCTAVIUS COHEN, Agent in Savannah.

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WM. P. CLYDE, Capt. J. W. S. ROBBINS.
WASHINGTON, Capt. O. CHICHESTER.
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Our readers are aware that during the progress of the Strong Divorce case, several very exciting scenes have been presented, but the proceedings of yesterday out-Herod Herod in that particular. It may be not exactly correct to say that the court broke up in a row, but it is a mild statement when we record that a scene remarkable for intensity of excitement and sure confusion was enacted a moment prior to the adjournment of the court.

Mr. Gerry offered a letter from Mr. B. D. Silliman to Judge Hoffman, Jan. 12, 1864, in which he assumed that Mrs. Strong could have no motive in entering into articles, unless she was in some way permitted to discourse with her children. He also made certain propositions in regard to their education and church attendance, and the passing of their vacations; and that after the termination of the schooling, the time to be divided between father and mother.

Mr. Gerry offered the draft of a letter from Mrs. Strong to Mr. Strong, saying that she would cheerfully let Alice visit her father, if he would agree that he should be returned in ten days, and that he would not merely visit her—date May 25, 1864.

Mr. Gerry offered a letter from Sandford & Woodruff to Noyes & Tracy, detailing the illness of Mrs. Juliette Strong, dated Nov. 26, 1864, inclosing a certificate from her physician, stating that she would be endangered, if made subject to any sudden feeling.

Mr. Noyes' reply was offered in evidence. Mr. Graham objected to its reading. Mr. Graham thought it had been agreed that the letter should be read, but Mr. Cram insisted there was no such understanding, and stated that he objected because the matter was entirely irrelevant and not competent. The Court thought there was no use to defend the action of the Stevens or Strong family by showing that what was done was done by advice of counsel.

Mr. McKeon—As it stands now, one-half the correspondence is in—

The Court—I can't help that; if the other half had been objected to I should have excluded that.

Mr. Graham—Haven't we a right to have this expunged? One-half this conversation is in and the rest is not in. I am willing to make affidavit that we understood that the evidence was to be admitted.

The Court—I shall exclude this letter.

Mr. Graham—Are we not entitled to make an affidavit to that effect?

The Court—There is no affidavit before us; I rule this letter out, and the case must go on.

EVIDENCE OF A. F. WARBURTON.

I am a stenographer; I attended the trial of E. M. Potter; I attended some of the preliminary proceedings, and reported them verbatim, except when my associate, Mr. Divine, attended.

Mr. Gerry—I now propose to hand Mr. Warburton the notes, and ask him to read what was done at the trial of Mrs. Potter.

Mr. Cram—I object. I have no objections to anything relating to Mr. Strong, but we have nothing to do with other persons or other cases.

The Court—This comes within my ruling of yesterday. I exclude it. We don't come here to try other cases; we have enough to do to try this case.

EVIDENCE OF ANDREW DEVINE.

I am a stenographer, and reported the case against Mr. Strong in the Court of Sessions. Mr. Devine then read the report of proceedings as they appeared in the TIMES of that period.) The report detailed the discussion of counsel before the Recorder, the impanneling of the jury, the evidence of Mr. Wilson, undertaker; the remarks of Mr. Gerry about the delinquency of Mme. Barbier, the statement of the officer, the arguments of the Attorney-General and Mr. James T. Brady, the decision of the Recorder and the verdict of acquittal by the jury.

TAFFAN HOWELL RECALLED.

I said yesterday that we did not record premature births; since then I have examined the record, and find that we do; there is no record of premature birth in the month of March, 1862.

By Juror—Whose duty is it to send notice of birth or death—the parents or doctor? A.—The doctor's duty.

EVIDENCE OF FRED. G. FOSTER.

I live at No. 13 East Fifteenth-street, and have done so fourteen years; I know Bishop and Mrs. Bedell; they were at my house one night in November; they had not been there before that; there was a wedding at my house on the 14th; Bishop Bedell officiated; Mrs. Bedell had gone East; she went away on the 7th, and has not returned since; the Bishop went East the same day.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mrs. Bedell has been an invalid for many years; I have known her thirty years.

Re-direct—She can walk; I have seen her walk.

By Juror—She can go up and down stairs with difficulty; I have assisted in carrying her up-stairs with the Bishop; she lives at Gambier, Ohio; she came from Rev. Mr. Aspinwall's, at Bay Ridge; Gambier is several hundred miles away; I never knew her to come on alone.

JOS. F. NORRIS RECALLED.

Did Mr. P. R. Strong ever talk with you about female virtue?

Mr. Cram—I object.

The Court—I exclude it for the present.

EVIDENCE OF LOUIS GAZINSKY.

I am general interpreter of the county and serve in the courts; I have been so since 1859, except '61 and '62, when I was Lieutenant-Colonel in the army; I formerly lived in Waverley-place; Mrs. Electa M. Potter lived there; I was surety for a house for her; it was No. 124 Waverley-place; it was hired from Mr. Strong, I think; this is my signature; (the lease and surety bond were then read by Mr. McKeon); Mrs. Potter gave it to me to sign; no one was present at the time; I never saw Mr. Strong; he did not call to see me; my salary was $1,500; I had a family; there was a sign in front of the house; it was that of a female physician with office hours; I moved the beginning of April to that house; we stayed till the first of October; Mrs. Potter furnished my meals for $65 per month; and she showed me a receipt from the proprietor of the house; there was some quarrel between Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Purdy; I don't know what it was; I had to go to a District Court to pay the rent; a charge of assault and battery was made against Mrs. Purdy by Mrs Potter; I saw articles in the *Police Gazette* about this house; I don't remember what; (witness identified an article in the paper referred to, generally, but not particularly;) left there in September or October; Mrs. Potter said I could be released if I wanted to; I ——

Mr. Cram—Stop, stop; we object to this.

The Court—If there is a paper, it is its own best evidence, and if he was released he must have it.

Q.—Did you get any paper releasing you? A.—I saw one, but it wasn't given me.

Mr. Cram—Well, now, I would like to know if this evidence is in, because we distinctly deny the execution of any such paper.

The Court—I exclude it.

Re-examining—I never paid more rent after I left the premises, nor have I been sued for rent.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

I hired my premises from Mrs. Potter; she had a husband, Vernon Potter; I was told he was a huckster; other people boarded there; the name may have been Harding; when I went to No. 124 no other people lived there at first; after that came Mrs. Purdy and boarders; it was about the middle of April when we went in; I was a lodger under the lease to Potter at first, and in the Summer they let it to Purdy as a boarding-house; Purdy kept it till November or December; I knew Mrs. Walsh; she boarded there in August or September; I never saw her after I left; I saw a mysterious sign there one day, but it disappeared; I know only from hearsay.

Re-direct—I think this diagram is correct; there were sliding doors; I know nothing of the furniture of the room.

To Juror Smith—I never saw a bed in the back room; the folding-doors were never opened.

Mr. Cram—I object to that diagram being shown to the jury.

Mr. Gerry—Oh, well, we'll withdraw it; never mind your objection.

Mr. Cram—But I *will* state it. If the diagram is corrected I will not object.

Re-direct—I don't know what Mrs. Potter's business was.

EVIDENCE OF W. B. RANKIN.

I am a lawyer of this city; in 1862 I remember Mrs. Potter commenced proceedings for dispossessing Mrs. Purdy; Mr. Gazinsky appeared on behalf of Mrs. Potter and paid the rent; she was not then turned out; after this there was a suit for assault and battery, but it was settled by Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Purdy; I think she left voluntarily; I have seen the articles in the *Gazette*; I recollect one called the

MYSTERIES OF CHARITY,

in Dec. 5, 1863.

Mr. McKeon—I propose to read this article.

Mr. Cram—Certainly; the *Police Gazette* is, I believe, the organ of the defence.

Mr. McKeon then read the article.

Mr. Cram—Mr. McKeon, if you desire to save time by omitting any part, you can do so.

Mr. McKeon—I will; but it is so long since I *wrote* it, (laughter,) I must *read* it;—I mean that I have forgotten the points.

Mr. McKeon then read the article, which, without specifying direct charges, insinuates that the house No. 124 Waverley-place was of the most nefarious character, inasmuch as large sums of money and great amounts of provisions had been given to its proprietress for the protection of the wives and families of deceased and absent soldiers, while no such persons were aided; and inasmuch as many women were in the habit of going in and out looking like immediate candidates for the grave; and further, inasmuch as the woman was known to die there and be buried thence no one knew when or where.

Mr. Cram—Any more of the *Police Gazette*?

Mr. McKeon then read from the *Gazette* of Dec. 12, 1863, a card from Doctors Walsh and Potter, replying to the charges of the former which, regarding a suspension of public opinion. He also read from the paper of Dec. 19 a second reply from Doctors Walsh and Potter, in which they vindicated the character of their house.

EVIDENCE OF RACHEL WALSH.

I live in Brooklyn; I lived in April, 1863, at No. 124 Waverley-place; before that I lived in Christopher-st; I moved into No. 124 in November; I knew Mrs. Potter; I first met her in July, 1861; she then lived at No. 124 Waverley-place; Mrs. Purdy lived there too; I had not exactly known her; the house was on the south side of the street; it was a basement, high-stoop house, near Sixth-avenue; the front parlor had mahogany furniture; there were two rooms on the first floor—a front and back parlor; they were separated by wood doors; doors opened into the entry from each room; the front parlor was furnished as indicated by the diagram; there was a sofa, Brussels carpet, marble-top table, looking-glass and some pictures; Mrs. Potter occupied the back parlor as a bed-room; there was a bed in it; there was a private entrance to Mrs. Potter's bedroom; there was a lounge in the closet at the back end of the hall; Mrs. Potter kept it for her private practice; she kept medicines in the closet; my room was up-stairs, second floor; proceedings were taken to eject Mrs. Purdy; I was not a witness; I stayed a month at No. 124 Waverley-place, and paid board to Mrs. Purdy; I went back when she left; I stayed there until first of April, 1864; I know Peter R. Strong by sight; I saw him at Waverley-place more than once; he used to come between 12 and 3; Mr. Potter left at 6 or 7 in the morning, and returned at 6 P. M.; I have let Mr. Strong in the house; he used to go into the parlor and sometimes into Mrs. Potter's room; she was there and used to stay a few moments or an hour; no one else would go in while he was there; the doors were closed; he would come sometimes once, sometimes two or three times in a month; Mrs. Potter was dressed sometimes in a white wrapper, again in bed, again in a chair, sometimes in her usual day dress; this was after the first year I lived there; I know Mrs. Potter to be a female physician.

Q.—Do you know whether she ever sold instruments with which to produce abortions. (Objected to.)

A.—I have seen such instruments—they were solid silver, with a curve at the end and a black handle; a long, hollow tube, about six inches long; I have seen Mr. Strong there in the Summer; also in the Fall and the Spring.

A recess of thirty minutes was taken, after which the defence proceeded as follows—the cross-examination of Mrs. Walsh being suspended:

EVIDENCE OF J. R. BURKE.

I am a reporter for the *Daily News* (extract from a newspaper shown him;) this is my own report and a correct statement.

Mr. Cram—I object to it—it's utterly irrevelant.

Mr. Gerry—I offer it as a part of the proceedings in the Court of Sessions.

Mr. Cram—This is a mere conversation, and if your Honor admits it, you will have to try it; no other reporter heard it. It's in no other paper, and we shall have to call other reporters to prove that it didn't take place.

Mr. Gerry—I propose to show that the jury did not answer not guilty, until directed to do so.

The Court said he would admit anything that a juror said before the verdict.

Evidence resumed: A juror, "Don't see it." Another, "I don't want it to go on—it's all right, Sir, I was asked the question and answered it."

Cross-examination: I swear that this is an exact and literal account of what took place—of what the court said and what the jurors said.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MRS. WALSH.

I am Rachel, "the widow of James," according to the Directory; I went there about a year ago last April, 1864; I am the Mrs. Walsh who lived there; I was not a widow; the servant girl gave it and thought I was a widow; I saw these instruments at different times; I can't give the date; it was in 1863, the first part of the year; I saw them repeatedly; I last saw them in Mrs. Potter's drawer, and could have seen them at any time; I had never seen them before nor since, nor did I ever use such; I was a partner with Mrs. Potter in household affairs, not in practice; I went there in November, 1862; I boarded with Mrs. Purdy in July, 1862; I called with Mrs. Potter on Mr. Daily to get Mrs. Purdy out; Mr. Strong asked me for a reference; gave my former landlord; I keep boarders in Brooklyn, No. 4 South Eighth-street; I went there last May; I have kept boarders in Twentieth-street; I went there one year ago last April; I let the house part of the time to a Mrs. Phillips—from September to March; I had no occupation then; I have a husband but have no certificate; Rev. Mr. Thompson married me in Chester, Orange Co.; my husband was a journeyman printer before marriage; he is in Maine, and has been most of the time for twelve years; he has no diploma; he don't sell quack medicines; they are of his own make, I don't know what; I have been living in different places in New-York State for the last thirteen years; I never kept a sailors' boarding-house; I kept one in Grand-street and Frankfort-street; I lived in Grand-street fifteen years ago; I moved thence to Pike-street; I lived there one month; I went then to father's, and stayed there two or three years, and my husband went to Bangor; I then boarded in Washington-street; my husband was with me; I was married 18 years ago; I went to Frankfort-street twelve years ago and stayed there four and a half years; I then went to corner of Laight and Greenwich streets; I lived in Thirty-third-street; I went to No. 449 Washington-street; I kept boarders at Laight and Greenwich streets; I was two years in Washington-street; I have taken in sewing and kept the Medical Institute with Mrs. Potter; I have lived in Carmine-street and Varick-street, near Laight; Louis Prentice boarded with me; I never cohabited with him.

Q.—Were you his ——?

Mr. McKeon objected.

Mr. Cram—I have put no —— on the stand.

Mr. McKeon—These are out of your —— house and

Mr. Cram—Who is out of my —— house? I have put none such on the stand, nor dare you, besides this woman out of No. 124 Waverley-place.

Mr. McKeon—I have an opinion here on this point which should be printed in letters of gold.

Mr. Cram—Yes, and I suppose all such women will be glad to furnish the gold to print it in.

Mr. Graham—Well, your side of the house ought to subscribe liberally, considering the kind of evidence you turn up.

Mr. Cram—There's no difficulty about it; if the answer tends to degrade the witness, she need not answer; but this is a matter of discretion of the court. It was on the affidavit of this woman that the charge of adultery was trumped up against my client. She and this woman Massey have been the active agencies of the defence; and I think it is one of those cases where the witness should be left to answer or decline, as she may elect.

The Court—As this case stands, I don't see that it is of any importance.

Q.—Have you had any improper intimacy with other parties?

The Court—I exclude the answer.

Evidence resumed—(Circular shown to and not identified by the witness; two others were shown to and identified by her.) Mr. Cram offered the three; Mr. Gerry objected that there were insertions in ink in one of them. Mr. Cram then read the one she said she had seen.

Mr. Gerry—Did you ever have printed such a circular as this? A.—I think I did.

Q.—Where was it printed? A.—It was printed at Nesbitt's; I went with Mrs. Potter; she wrote the whole of it, names and all.

The Court—I admit it.

Mr. Cram then read the circular of the Metropolitan Society for the Relief of Widows and Families of Deceased Soldiers.

Q.—Were you at this institute? A.—I was.

Q.—Did you see the four hundred and ninety-three families? A.—No, Sir; that's a statement of Mrs. Potter's; I knew nothing about it; we went to Mr. Nesbitt's to get this printed before 1864; I knew Mrs. Potter wrote it; I saw the write part of it; she read it to me; after that we went and had it printed; it must have been after May 1, 1863; Mrs. Potter told me she had visited them.

Q.—Do you believe it? A.—I can't answer it; the Institute began in October, 1862; it may have been honest and true.

Q.—Do you believe it? A.—I don't believe she would write anything untrue.

Q.—Do you believe it to be honest and true? A.—I do; and I believe Mrs. Potter to be honest and true. I carried on the institution for several months; I received money from no such person; I never saw the doctors mentioned, except Kelly and Walsh, visit the institution; Dr. Walsh is the one you call journeyman printer, and I call my husband; I don't know the others.

Mr. Cram—You must let these other little things in.

Mr. Gerry—We don't see it.

The Court—How much longer will your cross-examination continue, Mr. Cram?

Mr. Cram—Two or three hours.

The Court—The jury are discharged until 11 A. M. I am now ready to hear the

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on Mrs. Hecksher's deposition.

Mr. McKeon—Your Honor has permitted the plaintiff to put in such part of the deposition as he pleased, and the question now is upon whom the burden of testimony lies, whether we are responsible for this part which we read. I proceed to read—

Mr. Cram—I object to the answer he is about reading, on the ground that it is not responsive, and if it is to read I wish the Court to exercise such control over it as will keep it from the public press until it becomes evidence.

Mr. McKeon—We have been abused by the press for months, slanders and lies have been told about us for months, and we have never until now replied. The counsel may court secrecy if he wishes, I do not. Essentially, I want to read in this deposition, the facts of the case showing that ——

Mr. Cram—The counsel must not go on in this way.

Mr. McKeon—I will not be interrupted.

Mr. Cram—Oh yes, you will. I protest against this discussion being held unless in the presence of the jury, and if your Honor allows it, I shall take my papers and leave the court.

Mr. McKeon—The counsel can leave the case as soon as he pleases.

Mr. Cram—I don't propose to leave the case, but the court.

Mr. McKeon—I shall show, Sir, that this man, Edward Strong, ought to-day to be on trial for rape. I shall show that he attained his purposes only at the mouth of the pistol, and——

Mr. Cram—I shall leave the court. I *will not* continue here a moment longer.

Mr. Cram put on his coat and retired.

Judge Garvin—The court stands adjourned till to-morrow, at 11 A. M.

A Fireman Killed by a Fall from a Roof.

It may be remembered that Mr. DOMINICK SICOT, a member of Metropolitan Engine Company No. 4, was severely injured while on duty at the fire No. 14 Water-street, on the morning of the 9th ult. At the fire in question, SICOT and several other members of the company, (among whom was IRWINE, who was killed at the State-street fire,) were on the roof of the five-story building adjoining the one on fire, in charge of some hose. The smoke was so heavy that Mr. SICOT walked off the roof, falling into the yard of a store in Broad-street, in the rear of the building from which he fell. The injured man was conveyed to the New-York Hospital, where he lingered until yesterday, when his sufferings were relieved by death. CORONER GAMBLE held an inquest in the case, and after hearing the evidence in the case, the jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by injuries accidentally received while in the discharge of his duty, at a fire at No. 14 Water-street, on the morning of Nov. 9, 1865.

The deceased was 31 years of age, a native of Ireland, and a single man. He had been a member of the Metropolitan Fire Department just two months when he was injured.

The Green Murder Case.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Before Justice Sutherland and Jury.

The People vs. *John Hackett.*—The defendant in this case was indicted for murder, in having caused the death of John Green, by stabbing, on the 2d of September last. District Attorney Bedford conducted the case for the people, and S. J. Stuart appeared as counsel for the prisoner. About two hours was taken up in getting a jury, which consisted of the following gentlemen; James Clark, foreman; George Vaughn, Edward A. Miller, Elias W. Dudley, David Austin, Peter Dingfelder, Isaac W. Stearns, Leonard M. Rust, Samuel Putnam, Isaac Jennings, Harmon Horner, Edgar H. Richards.

Mr. Bedford, in opening the case, stated concisely what the prosecution expected to prove by the witnesses who would be called, and remarked that it was simply a case of investigation of truth, and the jury must determine whether or not a murder had been committed.

John Moran was then placed on the stand, who testified that at about half-past ten o'clock on the evening of the 2d of September he was in Second-avenue, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets; saw a man standing there, and another man shove him, when the latter immediately cried out that he was stabbed; asked the man who had stabbed him, and he replied, "That man," pointing to Hackett; took Green, the man hurt, to a lamp post, opened his vest and shirt, and saw a wound in his left breast; remained there until the prisoner was arrested; could not swear whether Hackett had a weapon in his hand at the time or not.

Charlotte Green, widow of the deceased, testified that her husband came home the evening of the occurrence about ten o'clock; he went from the house toward the corner of Thirty-third-street, and in doing so passed Mrs. Hackett, who was sweeping off the sidewalk; Mrs. Hackett owed witness for some washing, and deceased spoke to her about it as he passed, but witness could not distinctly hear what was said; deceased was standing on the corner, and some boys playing round him, when witness went to the place and told him to come back; he did so, witness following him about six feet off; on his approaching the house the prisoner ran out, came up to deceased and "shoved" him; could not say whether prisoner had anything in his hand or not; deceased immediately cried out that he was stabbed; prisoner went into his own apartments and soon returned with a churn-dash, saying to a man named Sheehan, "let us give it to him now;" Sheehan said: "Green, I am sorry, but I cannot help it;" Mrs. Hackett then shoved the prisoner into her store and locked the door; prior to the prisoner shoving deceased he had given no provocation, if there had been anything of the kind witness would have known it; deceased was taken to the station-house, and thence to Bellevue Hospital; witness saw him there next morning; he died the 7th following.

Cross-examined—Her husband had drank a few glasses of lager that afternoon; he acted quite sensible; saw the boys around him, but there was no quarreling; deceased was not angry, nor did he swear at the prisoner.

The defence offered to prove acts of violence, manifesting hatred and ill-will toward the prisoner, tending to the endangerment of his life, prior to the action out of which this homicide grew, and then to prove generally that deceased was a man of violent disposition and practice; that he had threatened the life of the prisoner and of others, and had committed acts of violence and battery upon different persons, all of which was known to the prisoner at the time of this occurrence.

The Court excluded it on the ground that it did not tend to throw light on the act in question.

William C. Gover, the coroner to whom deceased made the declarations at the hospital, testified that deceased's mind was in a sound condition when he made the declarations; he said he had no hopes of recovery, and was perfectly willing to make a statement as to receiving the injury.

The declarations made on the 2d were then read to the jury, containing the statement that the prisoner came out with a large knife, and without giving a word of warning plunged it into deceased's breast; also that Hackett had often threatened to kill him.

Dr. J. W. Southark testified that about 15 minutes after deceased was admitted to the Hospital he found him in a very restless condition, having a large incised wound on his left side, which was about two inches wide and two and a half inches deep; after seeing the knife next day he expressed surprise that such a wound was produced with such an instrument; thought that the wound accelerated Green's death; deceased had lost about sixteen ounces of blood before coming to the hospital, and about the same quantity afterward; the loss of such an amount of blood would have a tendency upon his life; the usual means were employed to stop the flow of blood; deceased was also suffering from meningitis; at the dead-house witness discovered upon the deceased traces of Bright's disease of the kidneys, and inferred that he had suffered from mineral poison in the blood; the chances would be decidedly against any man's living who had such a wound.

The District-Attorney cited legal authorities to show that a sick man could be murdered as well as a sound one.

The Court remarked that no law was necessary to show that.

Witness resumed—It was impossible for any one to say positively whether such a wound would prove fatal to a person in health; the wound had severed a vein, and there was nothing more uncertain than the result of such injuries.

Cross-examined—The primary cause of deceased's death was the mineral poison circulating in his blood; his idea of the effect of the wound was based partly upon the hemorrhage and partly upon the nervous shock incident to the occurrence; there was no demonstrable connection between the wound and the disease of the kidneys.

To the Court—The wound hastened the disease which caused the death. The witness stated the results of his post-mortem examination, saying that when the clot had been removed from the wound no traces of pus were discovered, a thing very unusual, and on further examination, discovering the disease of the kidneys, the death was attributed to that. In his judgment, the wound aggravated the disease, and thus accelerated the death.

Officer White, John Julian and Charles Ohrlworler were called as witnesses, after which the prosecution rested, and the court adjourned until to-day.

The Fire Department.

PROPOSED PARADE OF THE METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE—NEW STYLE OF TENDER.

The recent parade of the Metropolitan Police Force in this city having proved so decided a success, the Metropolitan Fire Commissioners, as next in rank among our civic institutions, are anxious to show the New-York public the perfection to which they have brought the paid fire system, and the completeness of the organization of the fire brigade, as well as the material of which it is composed. In order to accomplish these several ends, the board have determined on having a grand parade of nearly all the available force under their control, and thus make a fair exhibit of the results accruing from their persistent and earnest endeavors to establish a Fire Department worthy alike of the city and the interests it is intended to protect.

As yet the preparations for the proposed parade have not reached a definite form, being confined to a few preliminaries. However, enough has been already accomplished to give the public a general idea of the scope and tendency of the movement. The parade will take place next Wednesday, the 20th inst., and the line will be formed at noon, in Fourteenth street. There will be in line thirty steam engines, with their attendant tenders, and ten hook and ladder companies. Every piece of apparatus will be drawn by horses, and the officers and members of each company will appear in the neat and attractive uniform recently adopted for the department by the Board of Commissioners.

The parade will be under the general direction of the Fire Commissioners, while the details of the affair will be confided to Chief-Engineer KINGSLAND and his assistants. The parade will be divided into divisions, each to be under the command of an engineer, while the command of the whole force on parade will naturally fall to the share of the Chief Engineer. Dodworth's Band will be in attendance.

After formation the line of march will be down Broadway from Union-square, passing in review at the Metropolitan Hotel, before the Commissioners of Police, Commissioners of Public Charities and other members from civic corporations. On reaching the City Hall Park the department will be reviewed by the Mayor and the members of the Boards of Aldermen and Councilmen; after which the route of parade will be up Chatham-street to the Bowery, and so on up to Union-square, giving the citizens a fair view of the force.

NEW TENDERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

Metropolitan Steam Fire Engine Company No. 13, situate in Wooster-street, received yesterday their new tender and hose-carriage, manufactured for them by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, Manchester, N. H. This tender is a sample of the new style of tender intended for general use by the department, and is a fine specimen of fire apparatus. The tender consists of two separate vehicles, each mounted on a single pair of wheels, all four wheels of the same dimensions. The first one consists of an iron frame, securely braced, in which revolves the reel; attached to this frame are short axles of iron, upon which revolve the wheels. The driver's seat is wide enough for three persons, and shafts are attached for a single horse. The second or hindmost vehicle is fashioned somewhat similar to the front section, excepting that the interior frame is made to sustain a large box for fuel, and over all stands a seat similar to the driver's, thus providing accommodations for six men. Both sections couple together with a strong coupling.

The entire tender is strongly made, and painted a brilliant red, with appropriate ornamentation, and is evidently built with an eye to severe and constant service. The only objection to be observed in this apparatus is its great weight, in contrast to the traction power provided. One thousand feet of hose, six firemen, and enough fuel for two hours' consumption, combined with the weight of the vehicle itself, will prove a burdensome load for a single horse, no matter how strong the animal may be. There are now two tenders of this description in use in the department, and the remaining companies will be provided with similar vehicles as fast as practicable.

Fires.

IN VESEY-STREET.

At 1 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the basement beneath the tea and coffee store owned by STINER & CO., No. 49 Vesey-street. Loss in stock by fire and water, about $2,500. Insured in the Indemnity Insurance Company for $5,000; the International, $10,000; Home, $6,000; in the Mechanics', Harmony, Lenox, Importers' and Traders', Park, Montauk, Grocers', Albany City, State, North American, Rutgers, Relief, Globe, People's, Brevoort, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Exchange and Morris, for $3,000 each; in the Columbia, Williamsburgh City and Central, in $2,000 each, making the total insurance on the stock $75,000. Besides this, the Excelsior and Firemen's Trust Insurance Companies have $2,000 each on the engine and fixtures. The building is owned by Mrs. ANNA MARIA THOMPSON, and was damaged to the extent of $500. Fully insured.

ON A PROPELLER.

About 2 A. M. yesterday a fire occurred on board the propeller *Adelia*, lying at Pier No. 52 East River, foot of Gouverneur-street. Loss $7,000. No insurance. The propeller was owned by RICHARD SQUIRE and ANDREW HENNESSY.

The Russo-American Telegraph.

LECTURE BY P. M'D. COLLINS BEFORE THE UNION LEAGUE.

Mr. P. G. COLLINS, projector of the overland telegraph to Russia, delivered an interesting letter on that subject last evening, before the Union League Club, at the headquarters on Union-Square. Mr. COLLINS was introduced by Mr. S. B. RUGGLES, in a few comprehensive remarks on the subject of telegraphing in general, and especially in relation to the proposed line connecting Russia with the United States by the way of Behring's Straits.

Mr. COLLINS began by saying that, in any event, an overland telegraph was necessary to encircle the globe. It was not his purpose to disparage any other proposed route. By means of the Russian-American telegraph lines, we would communicate with the whole of the Asiatic world, and one-half of the population of the earth would be tributary to it. The lecturer gave a brief and interesting sketch of his investigation in the United States, Asiatic and European Russia in connection with the proposed routes. He said that between the city of New-York and Paris but thirty-nine miles of waitr intervened, and that the balance of the distance is a practicable land route.

Between Cape Clear, in Ireland, and the great Amoor River, in Asia, there is an unbroken line of communication; also between Frazer's River, in British Columbia, and New-York. These lines are about fourteen thousand eight hundred miles in length, leaving a gap in the belt of communication around the world of about six thousand five hundred miles. The Emperor of Russia has agreed to complete the line through Asiatic Russia to Behring's Straits, and it remained for the Northwestern Union Telegraph Company to complete the line to that point. The basis of union between the lines has already been agreed upon. Mr. COLLINS proceeded to speak of the character of the country through which it is necessary to construct the line. Although many obstacles would be met with, still the route was practicable. On the Russian side there is only one tribe of nations not subject to Russian authority. Repeating instruments will be introduced every three or five hundred miles, which, without the aid of human touch, will transmit a message to London. The new batteries give the original force to a message to carry it along. The lecturer referred to the capacity of various instruments to transmit messages, varying from 900 to 2,800 words an hour. The sun will shine on the proposed line 21 hours and 12 minutes a day, so that a fair idea can be formed of the amount of business the proposed company will be able to perform. The capital stock of the company is ten millions of dollars, fifteen per cent. of which has been paid in. During the past year four hundred miles of the telegraph lines have been laid on this continent, and it is expected that five or six hundred miles additional will be completed during the year. Mr. COLLINS read a letter which he had just received from the Minister of Post-telegraphs in Russia, stating that a vessel had been placed at the disposal of the company, for the purpose of making surveys on the Pacific coast. The lines, he said, will be completed in 1867.

Mr. COLLINS was listened to with much attention during the delivery of his lecture.

Senor VIENNA MAKENNA was called upon and said that Chile was the first to favor the telegraph line by which it was proposed to unite the two countries. Chili was ever foremost in progress. He mentioned that France and Spain had come to the relief of Chili, and even though the two countries were great on copper, they had no copperheads. He alluded in forcible terms to the Monroe doctrine, which he said was the electric spark of life which bound all the republics of America into one being. It must be maintained, not by editors and orators alone, but by such men as GENS. GRANT and SHERIDAN. (Applause.)

The club adopted a resolution requesting Congress to issue medals of merit to all soldiers and sailors who have been wounded in the Union armies and navy, and also to the children of such soldiers and sailors as have fallen in the Union cause.

A letter was read from several members presenting a portrait of JOHN BACHIE, painted by FAGNANI, to the club. Mr. G. W. BLUNT, with characteristic felicity, moved a vote of thanks to the donors, which were adopted.

It was also announced that arrangements had been entered into to receive the portraits of Count GASPARIN and LABOULAYE.

Board of Aldermen.

ANNUAL PARADE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—REMOVAL OF CITY RAILROADS.

This board met at 3 P. M., yesterday, Mr. JONES in the chair.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Fire Department, inviting the members of the Common Council to review the department at their annual parade, which will take place at 2:30 P. M. on the 20th inst. The invitation was accepted.

A communication from the other board, directing the removal of the railroad tracks in Washington and Greenwich streets, was taken up.

Mr. JONES said such a resolution was quite useless. It had been decided that the city had no power in the matter. The Legislature alone could cause the tracks to be removed.

The resolution was concurred in, and the board adjourned to 3 P. M. to-day.

Board of Councilmen.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1865.

This board met at 3 P. M. yesterday, Mr. HAGERTY in the chair.

The following ordinance was considered:

AN ORDINANCE MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1865.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The following additional appropriations for the year 1865 are hereby made for the several objects and purposes specified, to wit:

Contingencies—Law Department	$8,000 00
Contingencies—Croton Aqueduct Board	2,000 00
Opening new streets—expenses of	2,500 00
Sewers—repairing and cleaning	25,000 00
Sewerage system surveys	1,000 00
Compilation of laws and ordinances	13,000 00
Controversy in relation to Street Commissioner in 1857	42,188 96
Court-House, Fourth Police District	1,575 00
Madison Park iron railing	40,000 00
Opening and widening Seventh-avenue	40,000 00
Twenty-ninth Precinct Station-house	40,000 00
Thirty-second Precinct Station-house	5,000 00
Printing for Common Council	30,000 00
Judgments	52,860 77
Interest on Volunteer Soldiers' Family Aid Fund Bonds No. 12	15,000 00
Interest on Central Park Improvement Fund Stock of 1858	10,000 00
Seventieth-street, regulating	4,250 00
Metropolitan Fire Department Fund	600,000 00
Grading Hamilton-square	20,000 00
Redemption of Revenue Bonds issued for the payment of judgments	622,142 76
Laying out the city north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth-street	12,500 00
City Chamberlain—fees of	20,000 00
Cleaning streets—For sweeping and keeping the streets and avenues of the city clean and in order, and removing the dirt, ashes and other refuse matter therefrom, under the direction of the City Inspector, for six months, ending June 30, 1866	546,898 47
—and for payment of contractors for cleaning streets, the balance of the year ending Dec. 31, 1865, as per contract, including expenses incurred by the Commissioners for advertising, &c	250,750 00

Mr. LEVY said that the item of $20,000 for grading Hamilton-square was an illegal charge, and could never be collected.

Mr. KERNAN and others thought differently. There was no doubt whatever that, whether the appropriation was made or not, the parties to whom it was due could enforce its payment.

The whole ordinance was then concurred in.

The resolution from the other board in relation to the releasing of the offices occupied by the Corporation Counsel and others was also concurred in, and the board adjourned to 3 P. M. to-day.

The Remains of Gen. Morris.

The remains of Brevet Brig.-Gen. WM. WALTON MORRIS, who died at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, on the 11th inst., are expected to arrive here to-day. They will be received at the Jersey City depot by an escort of regulars under the command of Brevet Brig.-Gen. LOOMIS, and will be placed in the Governor's Room at the City Hall, where they will lie in state until 1 P. M. They will then be taken, under escort, to Trinity Church, where the funeral services will be performed by Rev. Drs. COOK and DIX.

Gen. MORRIS was born at Ballston Springs in the year 1801. He entered West Point at the close of 1815, and graduated in 1820. He saw service among the Indians and in Mexico. Just before the commencement of the rebellion he was placed in command of Fort McHenry, Baltimore, and when the riots occurred in that city on the 19th of April promptly trained the guns of the on the pisturbers of the public peace. He remained in command of the fort until his death. In 1862 he received his brevet of Brigadier-General for "meritorious services."

Gen. MORRIS was distinguished for his firmness of character, and for his coolness and deliberation under the most trying circumstances. He leaves four children, three sons, and a daughter who is the wife of Dr. J. M. CARNOCHAN, of this city.

The Base Ball Convention.

The annual meeting of the National Association of Base Ball Players took place at the Cooper Institute on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, the convention being the most numerously attended and influential of any previously held. Over ninety clubs were represented, the assemblage including delegates from organizations from such distant points as Portland, Me., Louisville, Ky., St. Louis, Mo., and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. A club, too, has been organized at Chattanooga, Tenn., called the "Lookout Club," and this was also represented in the convention. New-York State sent representatives from 44s club; Pennsylvania sent 14; New-Jersey 13; Connecticut 5; Massachusetts 2, and Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Kansas 1 each. Among the important reports of the committees was that of the Committee on Rules, whose amendments and suggestions were unanimously adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the selection of the following gentlemen: President, Mr. John Wildey, of the Mutual Club, one of the Coroners; First Vice-President, Mr. Mortimer Rogers, of the Lowell Club, of Boston; Second Vice-President, Mr. Sexton, of the Empire Club, of St. Louis, Mo.; Recording Secretary, Mr. J. S. Page, of the Active Club; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. A. H. Rogers, of the Resolute Club; Treasurer, Mr. F. J. Cozans, of the Eagle Club. The three latter gentlemen being unanimously re-elected. The action of the convention was marked by the utmost harmony, and the proceedings reflected credit on the fraternity at large. When the convention adjourned, it did so to meet in a larger hall, and at 3 P. M., instead of 2 P. M., on the second Wednesday in December, 1866.

THE FRENCH EXPOSITION.

Debate on the Subject at the Polytechnic Institute.

At the regular meeting last evening of the